Ham Radio Deluxe

User Guide

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Introduction

How It All Began

In early 2003 Peter PHP1PH and myself Simon HB9DRV talked about developing a simple program to control the soon to be released ICOM IC-703.

We had previously developed the FT-817 Commander, which proved to be very popular, the main lesson being learnt that future programs must not be tied to a single radio or a single manufacturer; rather they must be designed to support all current and future radios.

Maybe it was the beer, maybe the desire to give something back to the radio amateur community, however on June 6th, 2003 the first line of code was written, Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) was born.

The inspiration for the design came from a variety of sources: Internet Explorer (especially the Favourites), my old Eddystone EA12 and a desire to prove that Peter and myself could develop something better than the current 'not quite so free and fantastic' products being peddled to radio amateurs.

On December 23rd, 2005 the number of registered users stood at 20,006 – quite an achievement in such a short time.

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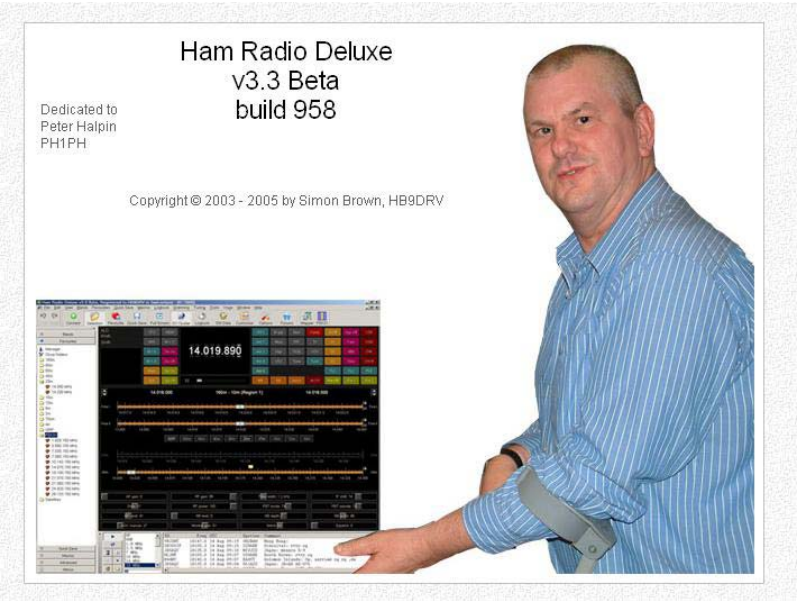
Very sadly Peter passed away on June 8th, 2005. His contribution to Ham Radio Deluxe will never be forgotten.



This Guide

Kevin Crockett, VK3CKC, wrote the original user guide. Now that HRD is a more mature product the time has come to write the document you are currently reading.

Thank-you for reading this guide.

Sponsors

To help keep HRD free for all Amateurs and SWL's several companies have helped by sponsoring the HRD development. If I have missed your company please let me know.

Requirements

You can run HRD on any Windows 98 or NT/2K/XP computer.

There will never be a LINUX or Macintosh native version, HRD is known to run under Wine for LINUX and PC emulators for the Macintosh.

I may be crazy undertaking a project like this in my spare time[1]; I am not 'deep stir-fry serve in a bun with extra chilies' crazy[2]!

The code is not open source; it cannot be ported to Linux and will never be released as some of the code is protected under copyright and if released will land the author with a nice big legal 'fee'.

You don't need a radio – HRD comes with built-in Dem-o-matic radio support (K2, TS-480, TS-2000 and Orion).

[1] It was the voices in my head that made me do it
[2] Medical opinion may differ here

Supported Radios

HRD currently supports these 'real' radios:

- *Elecraft*: K2
- *FlexRadio*: SDR-1000
- *ICOM*: IC-7000, IC-703, IC-706, IC-706MkII, IC-706MkIIG, IC-707, IC-718, IC-725, IC-726, IC-728, IC-729, IC-735, IC-736, IC-737, IC-738, IC-7400, IC-746, IC-746Pro, IC-751A, IC-751A (Piexx), IC-756, IC-756Pro, IC-756ProII, IC-756ProIII, IC-761, IC-765, IC-775DSP, IC-7800, IC-781, IC-821H, IC-910H, IC-R10, IC-R20, IC-R75, IC-R8500, PCR-1000
- *Kenwood*: R-5000, TS-140S, TS-2000, TS-440S, TS-450S, TS-480, TS-50S, TS-570, TS-60S, TS-680S, TS-690S, TS-790, TS-850, TS-870, TS-940S, TS-950, TS-B2000
- *Ten-Tec*: Argonaut, Jupiter, Orion, RX-350
- *Yaesu*: FT-100, FT-1000D, FT-1000MP MkV, FT-600, FT-817, FT-840, FT-847, FT-857, FT-890, FT-897, FT-900, FT-920, FT-990
- *Yaesu*: FT-100, FT-1000D, FT-1000MP MkV, FT-600, FT-817, FT-840, FT-847, FT-857, FT-890, FT-897, FT-900, FT-920, FT-990

Interfacing

You will need a cable to connect your radio to the computer's serial (COM) port. If you don't have a serial port all is not lost – USB ⇔ serial converters are widely available.

For more information refer to:

- The HRD Interface guide, and
- CATbox, a Modular Computer Interface by Bas Helman G4TIC.

Check out the cable solutions from G4ZLP http://g4zlp.ham-radio.ch/ and West Mountain Radio http://www.westmountainradio.com/ .

Installation

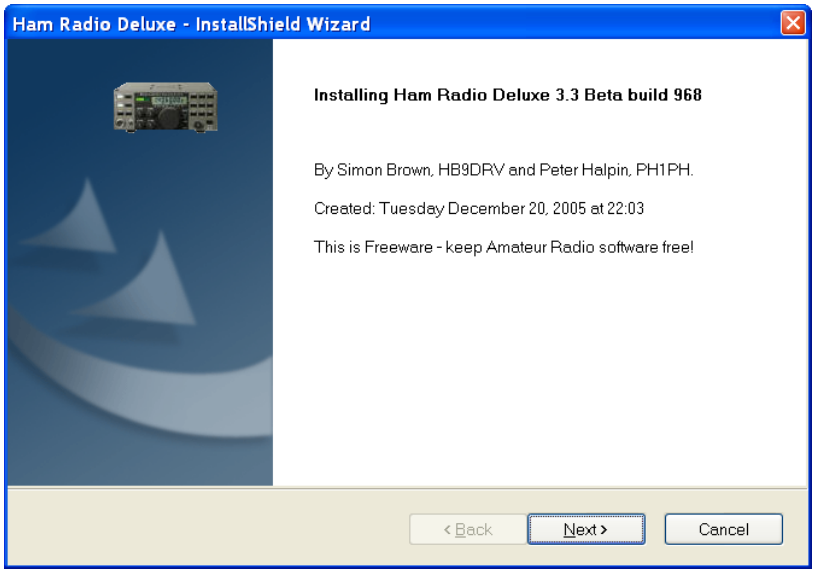
Introduction

The Ham Radio Deluxe kit is a standard Windows kit – it supports Windows 98, Windows 2000 and more recent releases.

The Logbook requires DAO (Data Access Objects) 3.5 or higher. If you do not have DAO 3.5 installed you will get error messages when you start the logbook.

Ham Radio Deluxe

Ham Radio Deluxe can be installed in under a minute. Special knowledge is not needed – the kit does everything for you!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Installing Ham Radio Deluxe 3.3 Beta build 968
By Simon Brown, HB9DRV and Peter Halpin, PH1PH.
Created: Tuesday December 20, 2005 at 22:03
This is Freeware - keep Amateur Radio software free!
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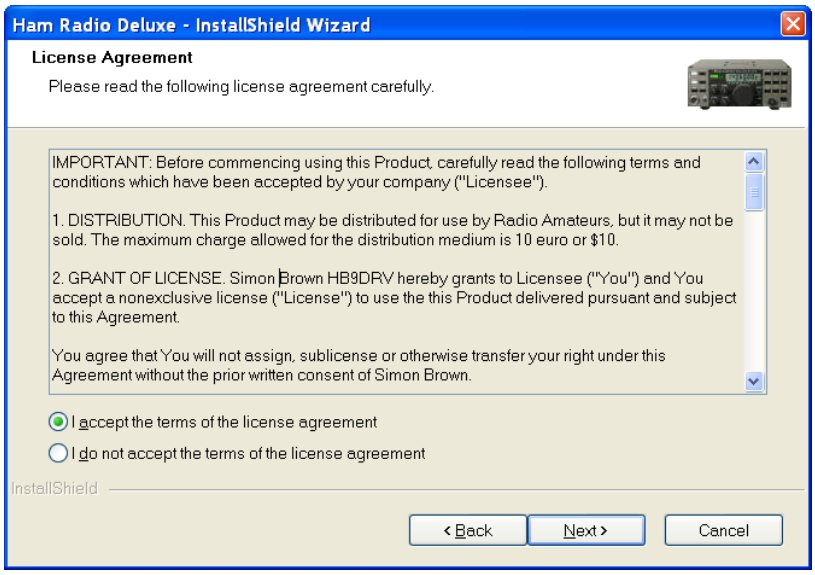
Cancel

When you start the installation the first screen shows the release and build you are installing.


Ham Radio Deluxe - InstallShield Wizard
License Agreement
Please read the following license agreement carefully.
IMPORTANT: Before commencing using this Product, carefully read the following terms and conditions which have been accepted by your company ("Licensee").
1. DISTRIBUTION. This Product may be distributed for use by Radio Amateurs, but it may not be sold. The maximum charge allowed for the distribution medium is 10 euro or $10.
2. GRANT OF LICENSE. Simon Brown HB9DRV hereby grants to Licensee ("You") and You accept a nonexclusive license ("License") to use the this Product delivered pursuant and subject to this Agreement.
You agree that You will not assign, sublicense or otherwise transfer your right under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Simon Brown.
I accept the terms of the license agreement
I do not accept the terms of the license agreement
InstallShield
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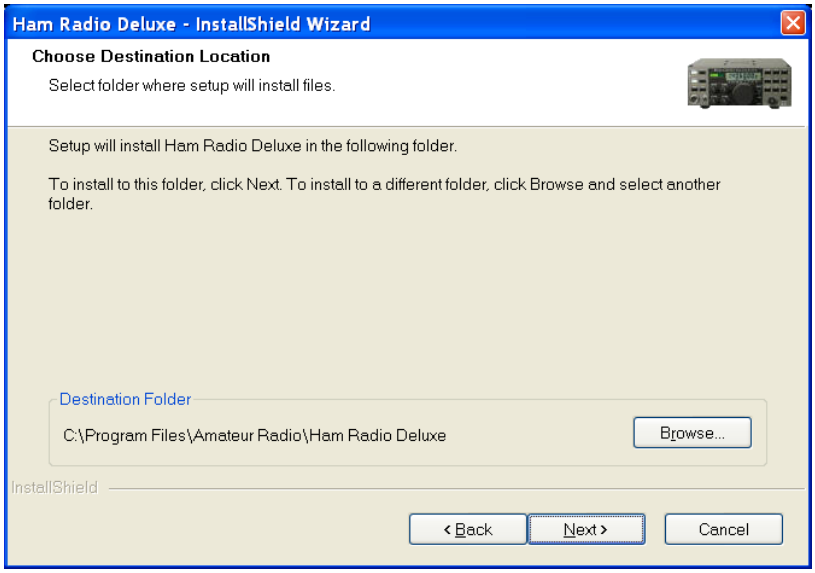
Cancel

You must accept the licencing conditions. Ham Radio Deluxe is free for radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, commercial use requires a licence.


Ham Radio Deluxe - InstallShield Wizard
Choose Destination Location
Select folder where setup will install files.
Setup will install Ham Radio Deluxe in the following folder.
To install to this folder, click Next. To install to a different folder, click Browse and select another folder.
Destination Folder
C:\Program Files\Amateur Radio\Ham Radio Deluxe
Browse...
InstallShield
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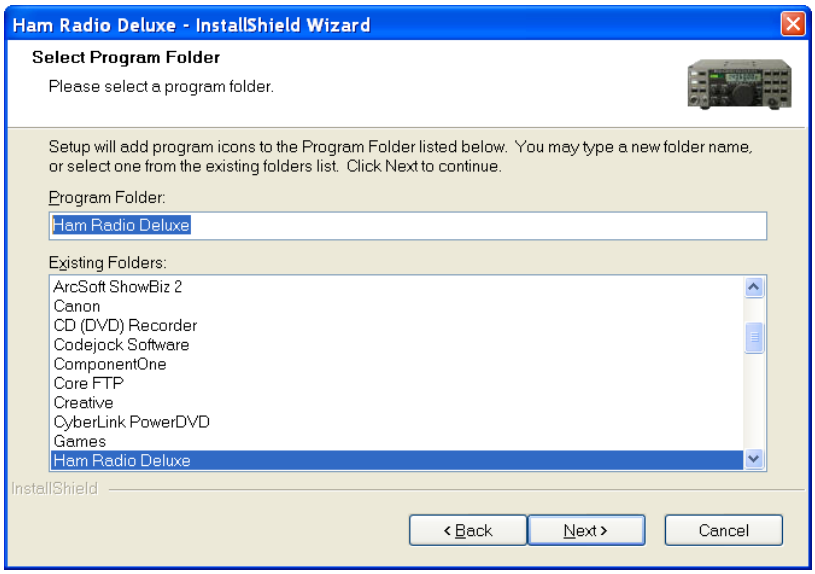
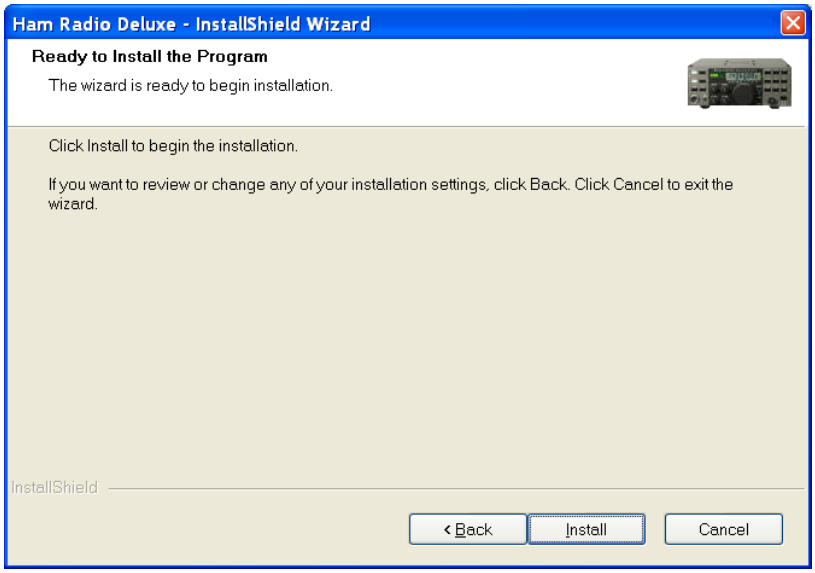
Cancel

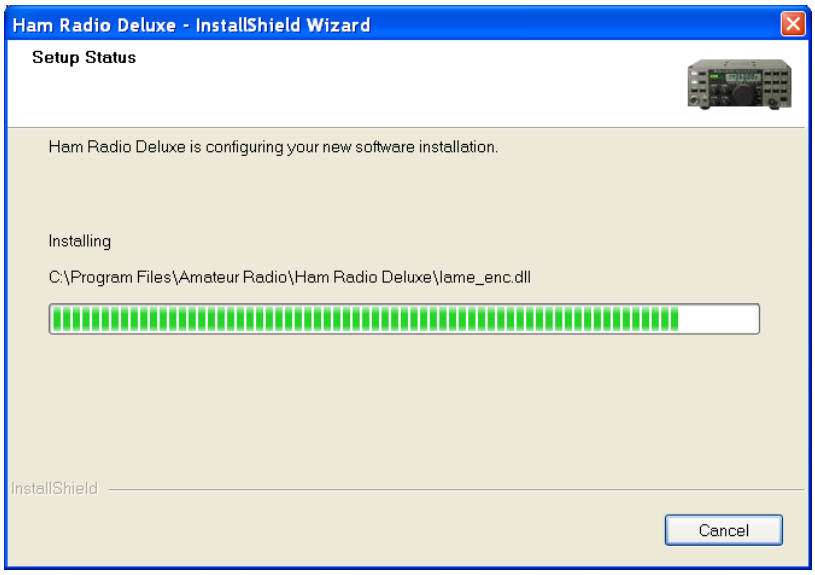
Select the folder where Ham Radio Deluxe will be installed, the suggested default is usually sufficient.



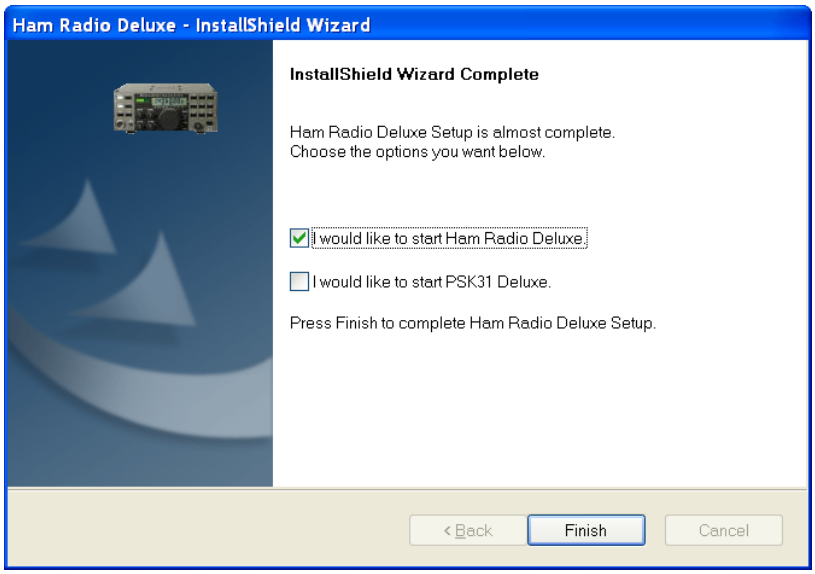
Select the folder in the Start menu where the Ham Radio Deluxe entries will be added, the suggested default is usually sufficient.


Ham Radio Deluxe - InstallShield Wizard
Ready to Install the Program
The wizard is ready to begin installation.
Click Install to begin the installation.
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.
InstallShield
< Back
Install
Cancel

Click *Install* to start the installation.



The progress of the installation is shown while the software is being installed.


Ham Radio Deluxe - InstallShield Wizard
InstallShield Wizard Complete
Ham Radio Deluxe Setup is almost complete.
Choose the options you want below.
I would like to start Ham Radio Deluxe.
I would like to start PSK31 Deluxe.
Press Finish to complete Ham Radio Deluxe Setup.
< Back
Finish
Cancel

When the software has been installed select the programs to be started, then press *Finish*.

First Steps

Connection

Now that you have installed HRD you can try it out using a *Dem-o-matic* radio. This is a reasonable accurate simulation of the real thing, designed for use during presentations and while developing HRD when a radio is not available (on the train, in a plane, in an airport, stuck in a hotel room in Finland etc.).

From the *Start* menu select *Programs* > *Ham Radio Deluxe*. Once the splash screen has closes you see the *Connect* window.

Connect: HB9DRV in Switzerland
Company:
ICOM
Radio:
IC-7800
COM Port:
Remote
Speed:
19200
CI-V Add:
6A
Flow control / Interface power
CTS
DTR
RTS
Connect
Help
Visit http://hrd.ham-radio.ch/downloads.html for 'A basic guide to CAT and Audio interfacing' which contains many designs for both CAT and audio interfaces for use with Ham Radio Deluxe.
Company
Select your radio manufacturer from the drop-down list. The Dem-o-Matic radios do not require a COM port, they are for demonstrating HRD when you do not have a suitable radio available.
FlexRadio: you must install the virtual serial port drivers from Philip Covington (N8VB).

Dem-o-matic

The *Dem-o-matic* radios do not need cables – simply select *Dem-o-matic* in the Company dropdown, select an option in the Radio dropdown, and then press *Connect*.

They are ideal for demonstrating HRD when you do not have a suitable radio available.

Options

Company

Select your radio manufacturer from the drop-down list.

FlexRadio: you must install the virtual serial port drivers from Philip Covington (N8VB). These are used to provide the connection between HRD and the PowerSDR sofware which must be running before you try to create the connection with HRD. More information is available from http://www.flex-radio.com/.

ICOM: disable the CI-V Transceive option for best performance.

Kenwood: make sure Packet communication mode is switched OFF (if supported). Most Kenwood radios require CTS and RTS to be ON for flow control.

Radio

Select your radio model from the drop-down list.

COM Port

The COM port on this computer where you have connected the radio interface cable.

Make sure that you do not have other programs using the same port, for example mobile phones and personal organisers.

Select 'Auto-detect' to try all available ports.

Speed

The speed used for communicating with the radio, check the speed setting via the radio's configuration menu.

Select 'Auto-detect' to try all available speeds.

CI-V Address

ICOM only: the address assigned to the radio, consult the radio's handbook for the default address. This can also be configured via the radio's configuration menu.

CTS

Enables the CTS flow control, required for Kenwood radios.

DTR

Enables the DTR line when the COM Port is opened and leaves it on, usually to provide power for an interface cable. For Yaesu CT-62 and ICOM CT-17 interfaces this can be left unchecked (off).

RTS

Enables the RTS line when the COM Port is opened and leaves it on, usually to provide power for an interface cable. For Yaesu CT-62 and ICOM CT-17 interfaces this can be left unchecked (off).

Connecting

Press *Start* to connect to the radio. If you see the error below then the COM port is currently held open by another program.

Error
IC-7800, COM1, 19200, Access is denied.
Make sure your radio is switched on and not in memory mode.
If you are using a homemade/non-standard cable you may need to select RTS and/or DTR.
OK

Check that you have not started another radio control program. Other culprits are PDA and mobile phone connections. Even if you have disconnected a device from a COM port you must make sure that the software is no longer running.

One connected HRD reads the radio's frequency to ensure that the options you selected are correct. If you see the error below then HRD failed to read the radio's frequency:

Error
IC-7800, COM7, 19200, Failed to read frequency
Make sure your radio is switched on and not in memory mode.
If you are using a homemade/non-standard cable you may need to select RTS and/or DTR.
OK

If HRD can read the frequency the Connect window is replaced with the main radio display – you are now using HRD!

What's Next

A taste of what's to come later in this guide…

Appearance

Set the appearance:

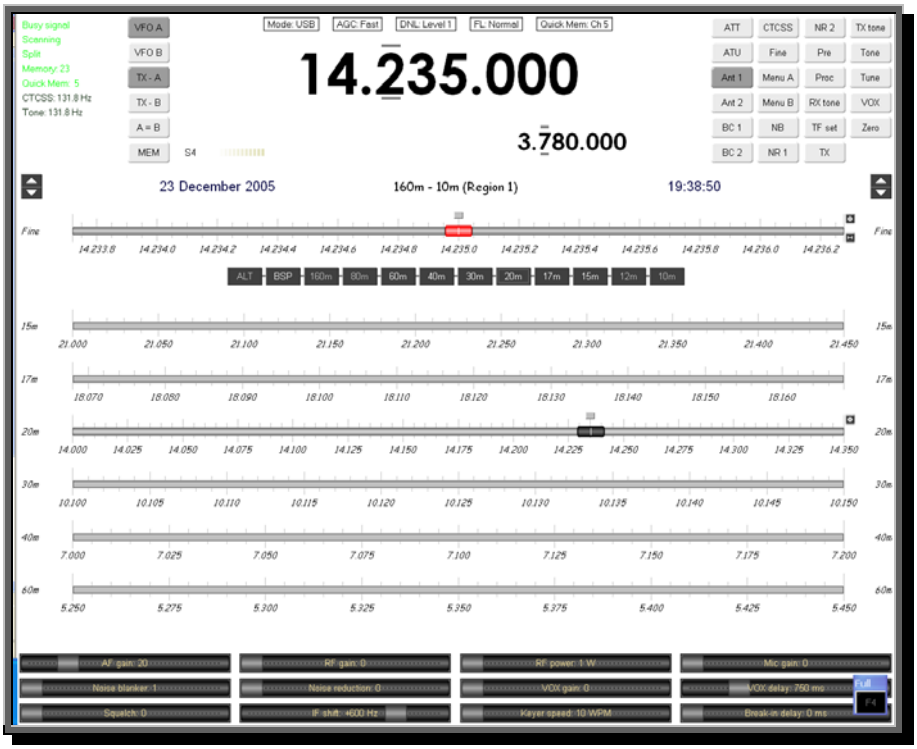
- From the *View* menu select *Colour Schemes*,
- Select *Customise Layout* and *Program Options* from the *Tools* menu.

Radio Display

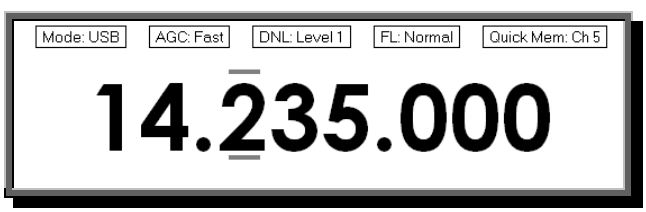
Introduction

The HRD radio display has many, many features. This section attempts to describe everything you can do in this display.

To aid in the clarity of the screenshots the LCD Scheme is used.



Frequency Display



Configuration

See Frequency on page 27.

Dropdowns

If you have enabled dropdowns as part of the configuration just click on a dropdown and make a new selection.

Mouse Wheel

When you rotate the mouse wheel in the frequency display the currently active digit is incremented / decremented depending on the scroll direction.

If you rotate while the cursor is over an inactive digit then the digit is activated.

Up/Down

The up-arrow, down-arrow, - and + keys increment / decrement the active digit.

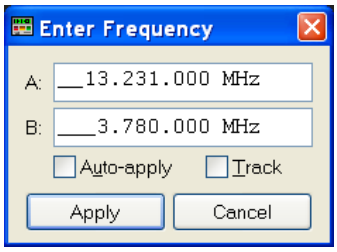
Mouse-click

Select a digital by clicking over the digit. To increment / decrement click above / below the center of the digit and keep the mouse button pressed.

Direct Entry

To enter values just press a numeric key (0-9). The active digital is updated and the next digit to the right is made active.

Press *Enter* to display the Enter Frequency window.



Enter the new frequency, and then press *Apply*.

If you check *Auto-apply* then the new frequency is applied every time you make a change.

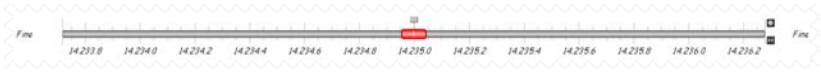
If you check *Track* this window is updated with changes made to the frequency display – for example when you tune the radio manually.

Griffin etc.

Support for third-party devices such as the Griffin Powermate is available – see Accelerators on page 31.

Tuning Dial

Fine Tuning



Main Tuning

Band Selection

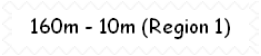
The Band Section buttons are shown between the Fine and Main layouts.

The buttons are:

- ALT,
- BSP,
- 160m, 80, … 10m.

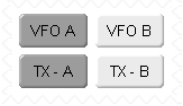
Display Scroll

Band Selection

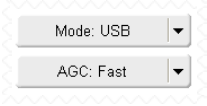


Date & Time

Buttons



Dropdowns



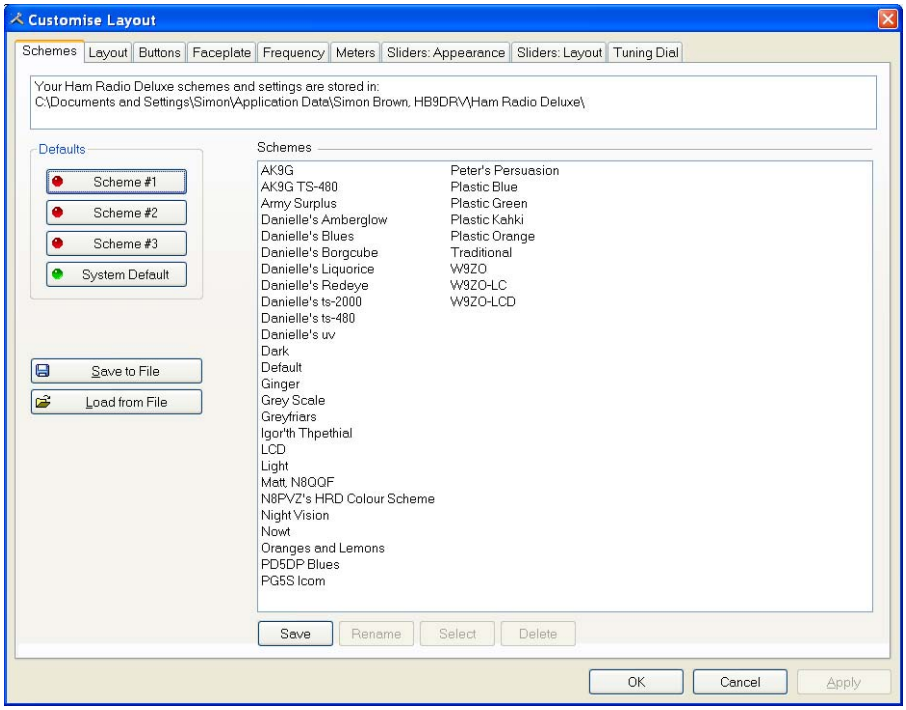
Sliders

Customise Layout

Introduction

Used to define the appearance of the radio display, *Customise Layout* is selected from the *Tools* menu, or by pressing the *Customise* button.

Schemes



Schemes are pre-defined customizations created by author and by other HRD users.

There are four default schemes shipped with HRD: Scheme #1 - #3 and the System Default.

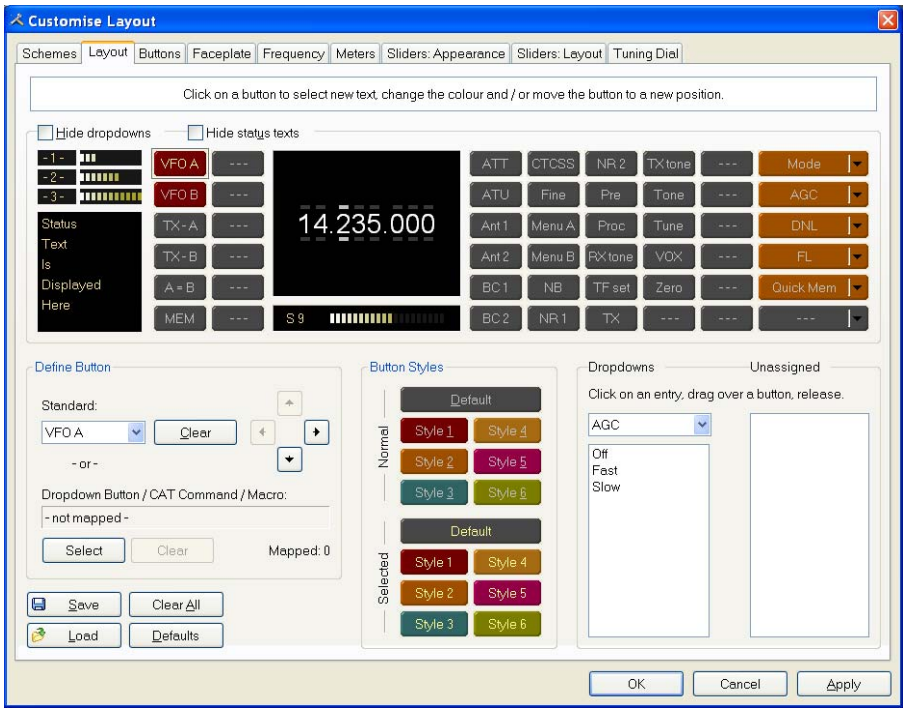
The HRD team and the HRD users have created the other schemes. Special thanks to Danielle in Northallerton, UK.

Select a default scheme by pressing the scheme button (or select an entry and press *Select*); select one of the other schemes by double-clicking on the entry in the *Schemes* list.

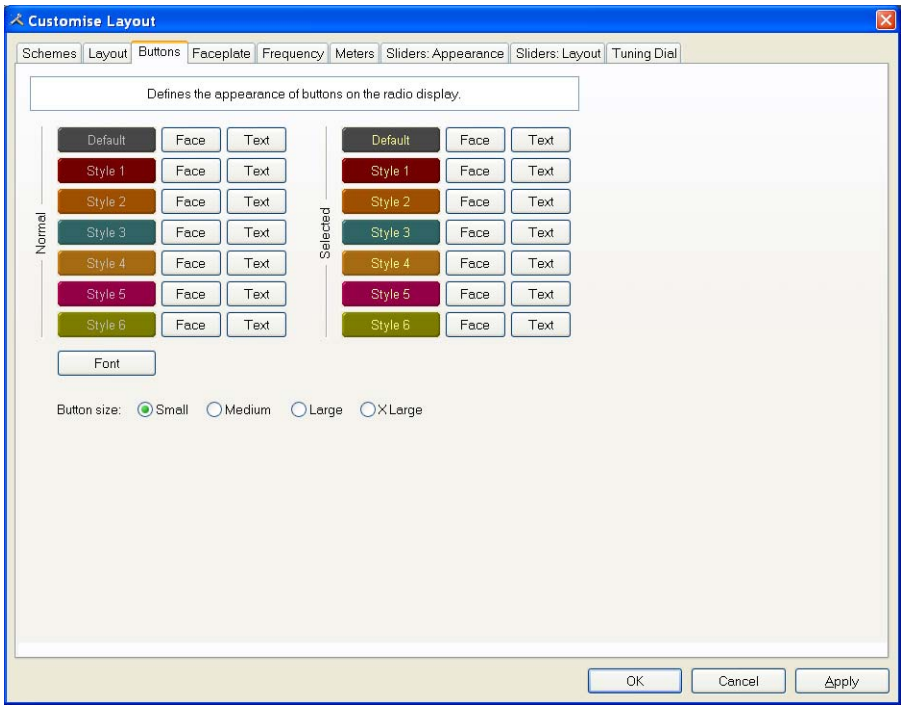
To save the current layout press *Save* – you will be prompted for a Scheme name.

Use *Rename* and *Delete* to organise the available schemes.

Layout



Buttons



Define:

- Seven button colour combinations,
- The font, and
- The button size.

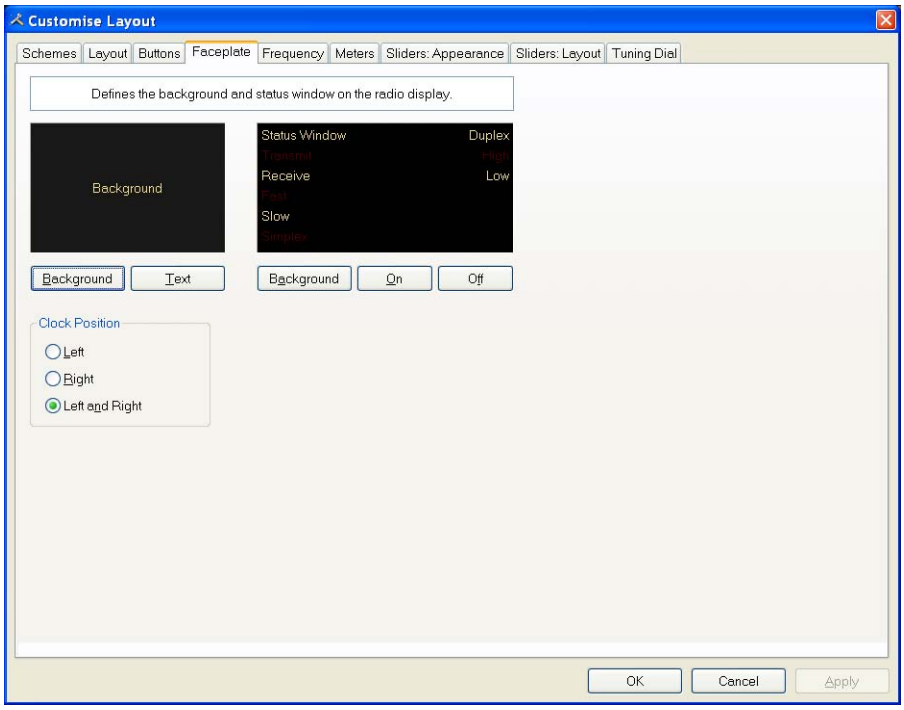
The default button size is small; this is so that users with low resolutions such as 800 x 600 still have a usable configuration.

There are no rules when using the button size; select the size which pleases you most.

For the technical readers the button size is tied to the font size of the radio display form (font is Microsoft Sans Serif, size is 8, 9, 10 or 12 point).

Changing the font size simply changes the font assigned to the form.

Faceplate



Background

These colours are applied to the background area of the display and to the transmit meters (if any) such as PWR, SWR and ALC.

Status Window

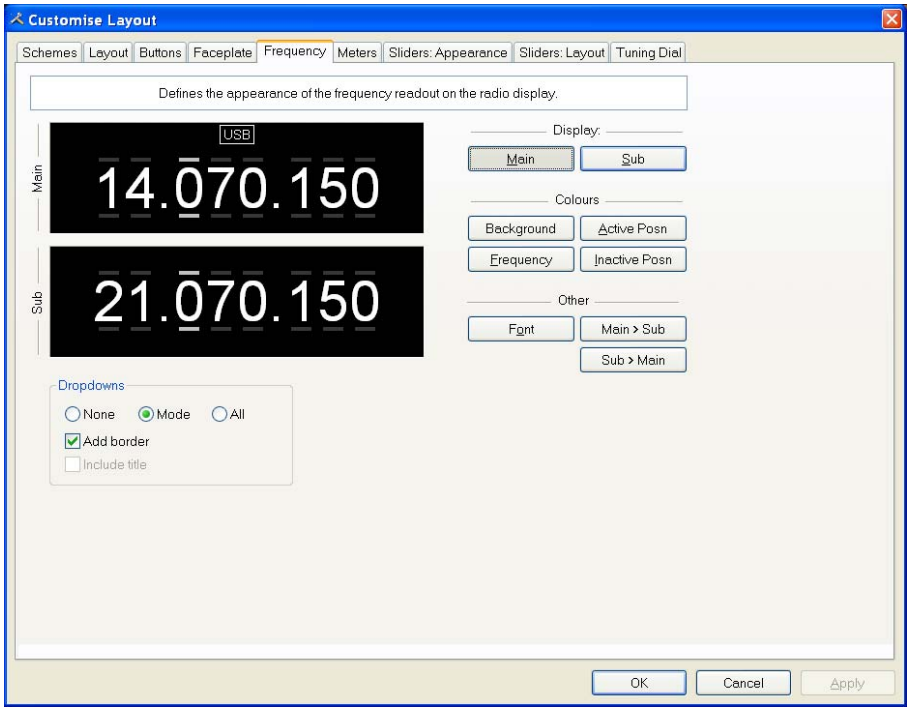
The status window displays information which you cannot normally change using buttons or sliders in HRD.

Typical examples are Scanning status, Split mode and Memory channels.

Clock Position

The clock is displayed to the left, right or both sides of the band title.

Frequency



If your radio supports simultaneous access to two VFO's (Kenwood, some Yaesu) then HRD will display two VFO's, otherwise just one VFO is displayed.

First select the VFO you are updating – main or sub.

The colours you can set are:

- Background,
- Frequency – the digits,
- Active Posn – the bar above and below the current digit,
- Inactive posn – the bar above and below the other digit,

The Font can also be set, use the Main > Sub and Sub > Main buttons to copy settings between VFO's.

Dropdowns

The dropdown buttons (Mode, Filter…) can be displayed at the top of the main frequency display.

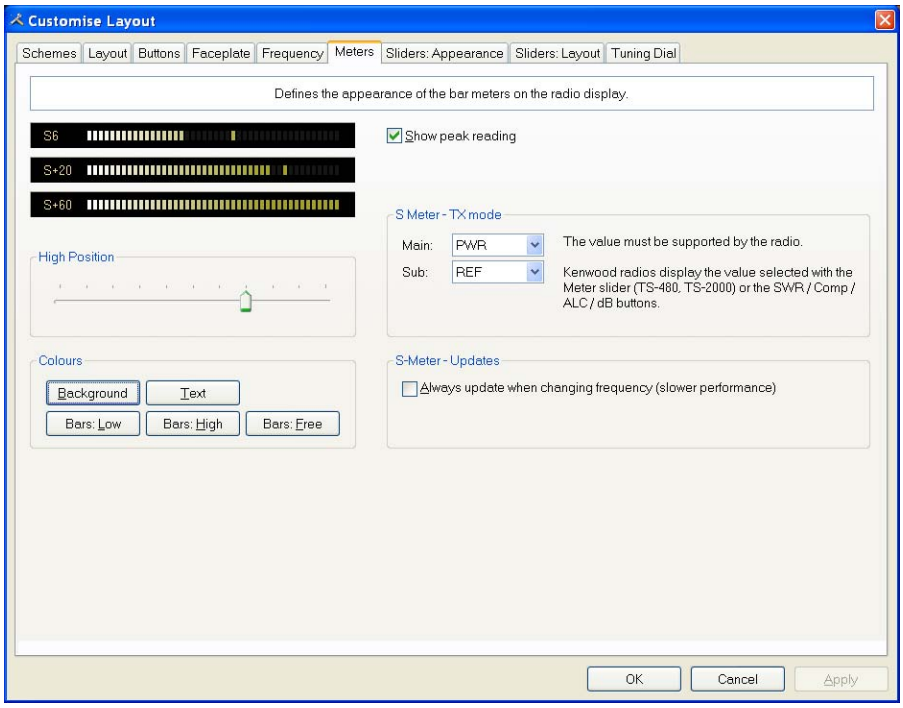
Select:

- None (no dropdowns),
- Mode (only the mode dropdown) or
- All (all dropdowns).

If *Mode* or *All* is selected you can check *Add Border* to add a border around the text.

If *All* is selected you can check *Include Title* to add the Dropdown button's title (if there is room).

Meters



The design aim of the bar meters was heavily influenced by my fine Sony stereo, still giving fine service here in the HRD R&R suite after some 15 years of abuse.

The *Background* and *Text* colours should be obvious.

There are three graduation colours:

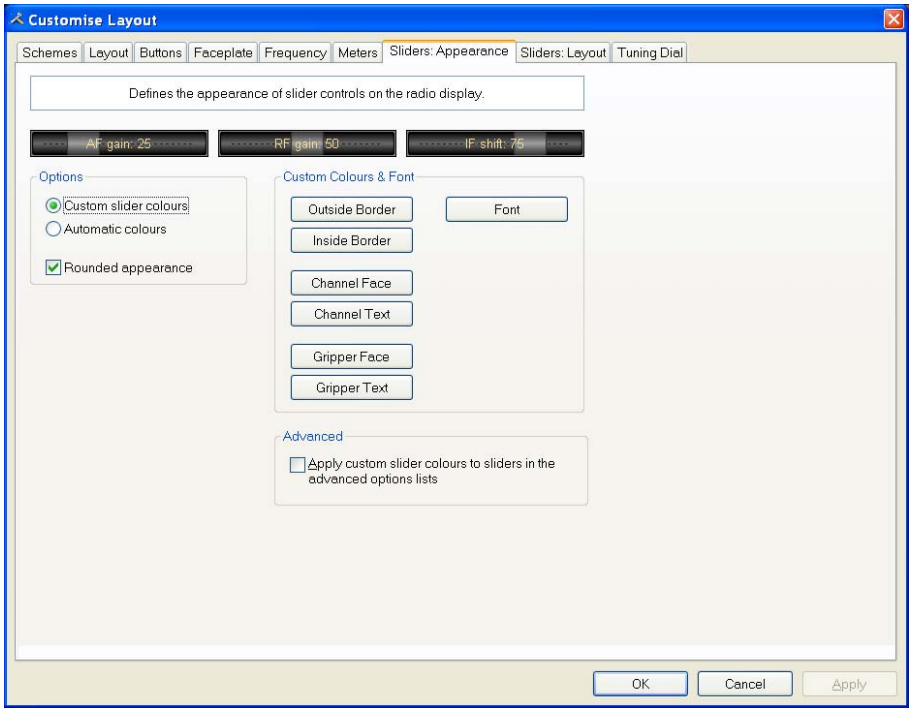
- Bars: Low – the first bar colour,
- Bars: High – the colour at the position set by the High Position slider, and
- Bars: Free – the colour for the free (empty) bars.

If you check *Show peak reading* the recent peak value is displayed.

When HRD is in TX mode the S Meter value is replaced by the value selected in the *Main* and *Sub* dropdowns, the value you select *must be displayed by HRD in the upper right hand corner of the display*. For Kenwood radios the value to be displayed is selected with the meter slider or the individual buttons (SWR / Comp / ALC / dB).

If you check the *Always update…* option then the S Meter is updated when you change frequency – this results in slower performance.

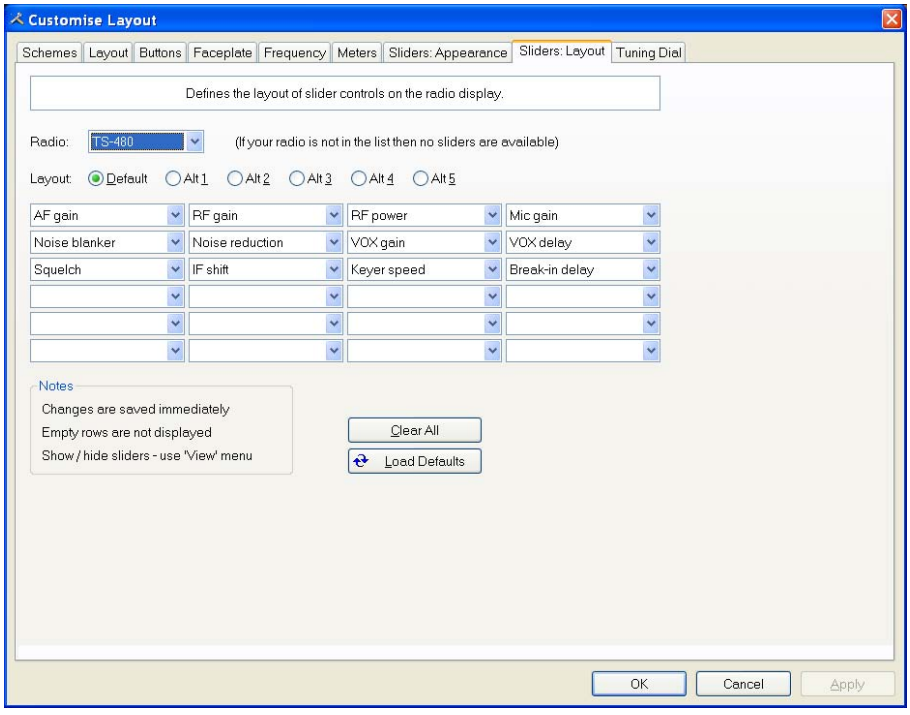
Sliders: Appearance



If supported by your radio, sliders are displayed at the bottom of the display. Here you define the appearance of the sliders.

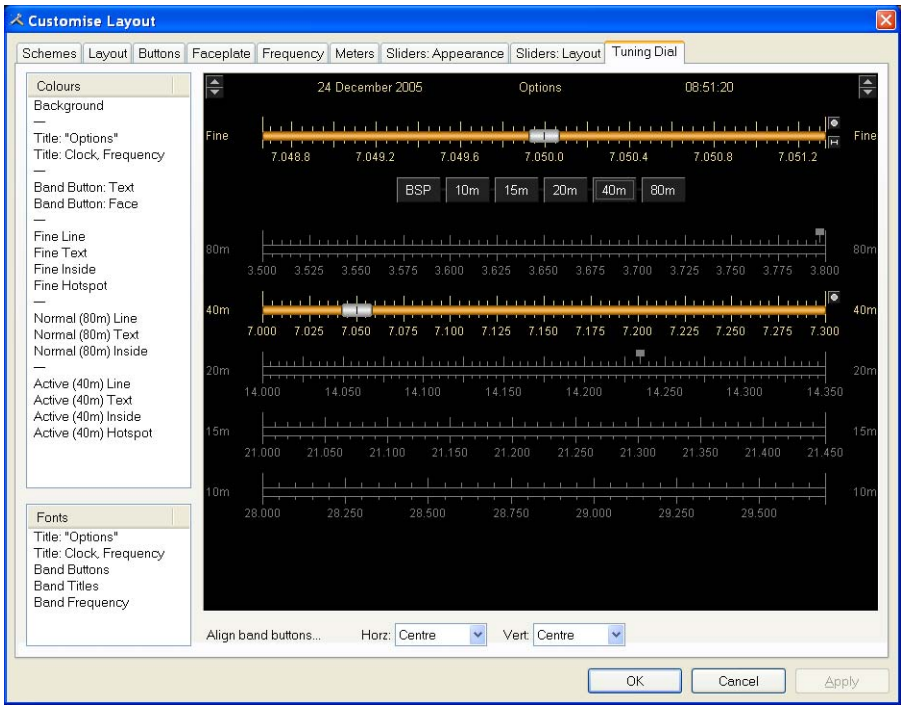
These colours are optionally applied to the sliders in the *Advanced* selection windows (select *Advanced* from the *View* menu).

Sliders: Layout



Here you select the sliders to be displayed. Define up to 6 layouts, for example one layout for SSB and another for CW

Tuning Dial



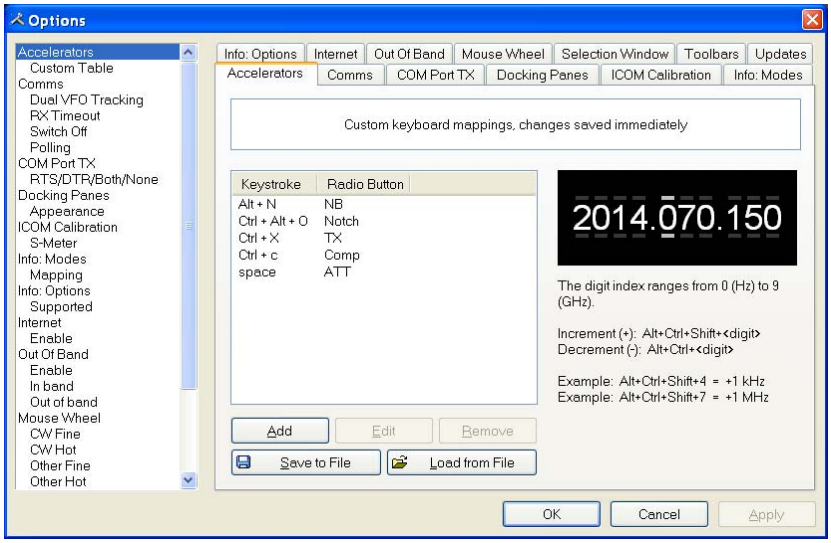
Here you define the colours, fonts and band button positions.

Program Options

Introduction

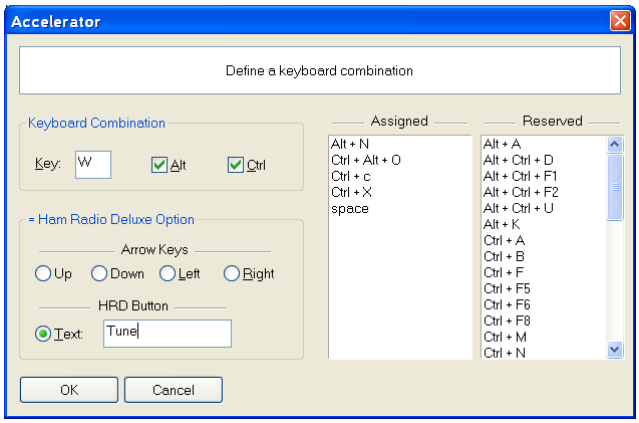
Used to define various HRD features, *Program Options* is selected from the *Tools* menu, or by pressing the *Options* button.

Accelerators



Define accelerators for use with the Keyboard or with programmable interfaces such as the Griffin Powermate.

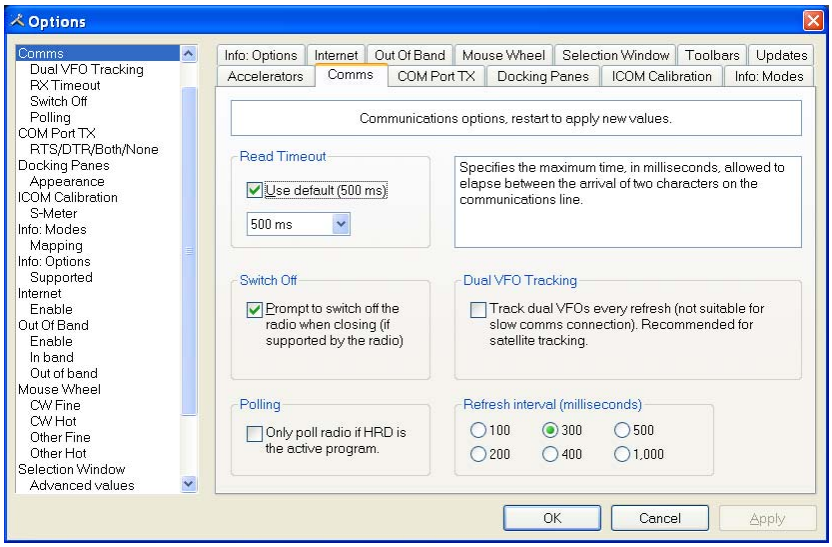
When you press *Add* the definition window is displayed.



Here Ctrl+Alt+W is assigned to the *Tune* button. Keyboard combinations are assigned to display buttons and arrow keys.

The HRD menu has pre-assigned accelerators; these cannot be redefined.

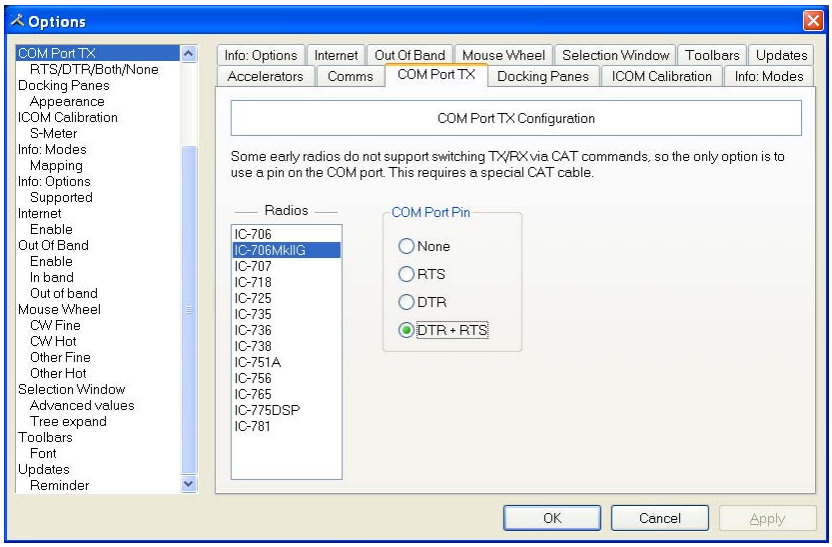
Comms



Normally you will not have to change the default settings.

- Read timeout – serial port timeout.
- Switch off – some radios such as the FT-817 can be powered down using a CAT command. If this option is selected you are prompted to switch off the radio.
- Polling – to reduce CPU load for slower systems.
- Dual VFO tracking – if selected both VFO's are tracked on every refresh. Only of use with Satellite Tracking (page 59).
- Refresh interval – the interval between consecutive refreshes of the display.

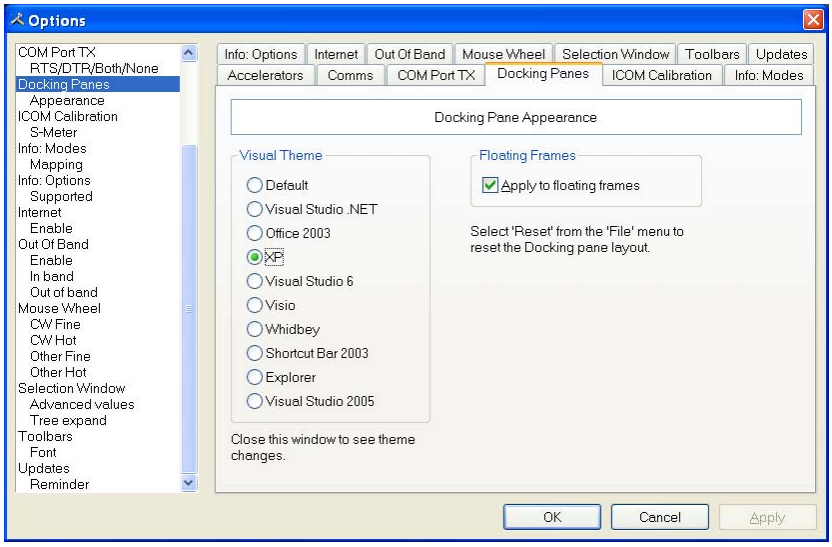
COM Port TX



Some early ICOM radios do not support switching between TX and RX using CAT commands. The only way to enable computer controlled TX/RX this is by toggling a COM port pin.

You require a special CAT cable if you select this option.

Docking Panes



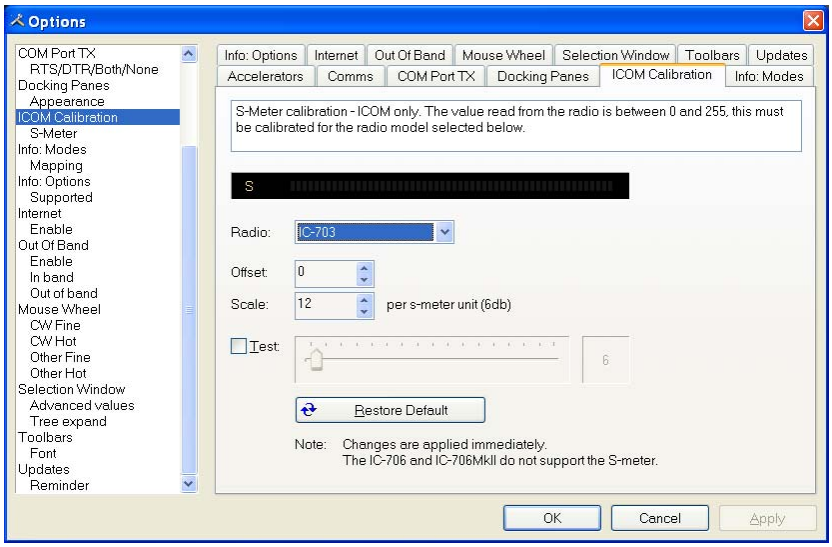
HRD uses the excellent programming library from Codejock Software to support an advanced docking pane option.

Docking panes are used for optional windows such as: *Bandscope*, *Calendar*, *DX Cluster*, *Logbook*, *Selection*, *Shortwave Database* and *WinKey*.

Select whichever visual theme you want – XP is an acceptable default.

You can also use this theme when a docking frame is floating (not docked).

ICOM Calibration

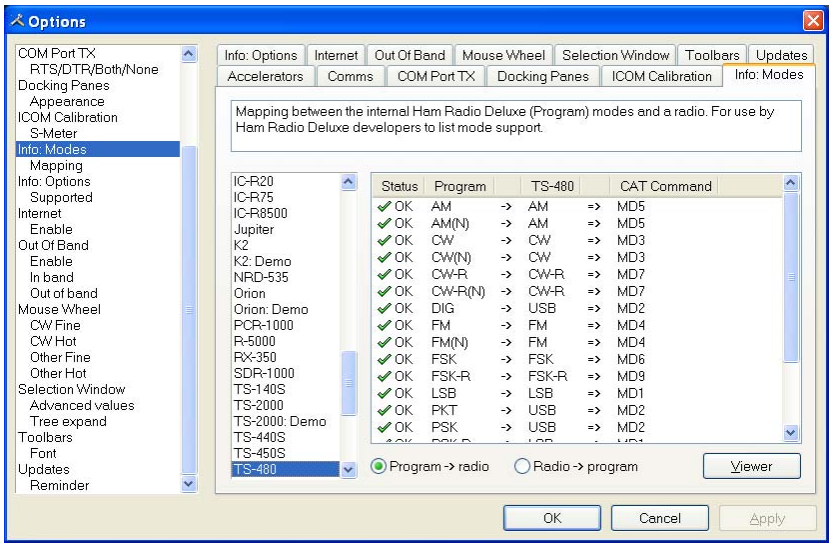


ICOM radios return a S Meter value between 0 and 255, normally 0 is S0, 12 is S1 and so on.

As a S Meter unit is 6 dB the algorithm applied is to divide the returned value by two to get dB, then divide dB by 6 to get S units.

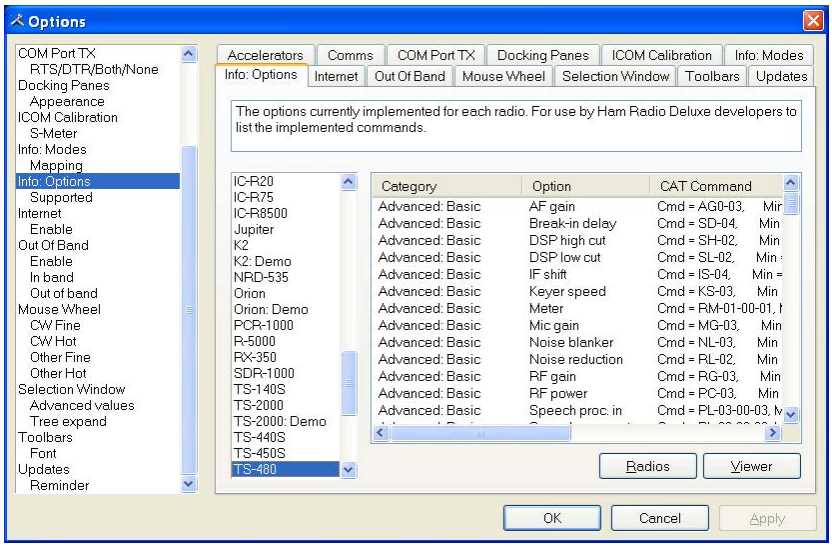
Some radios such as the IC-706 have a different logic – use the Offset and Scale values to adjust the returned values so that the S Meter in HRD corresponds to the S Meter on your radio.

Info: Modes



Mainly for use by the HRD programming team, all modes for each radio are listed. For each mode the mapping to the internal HRD mode is shown.

Info: Options

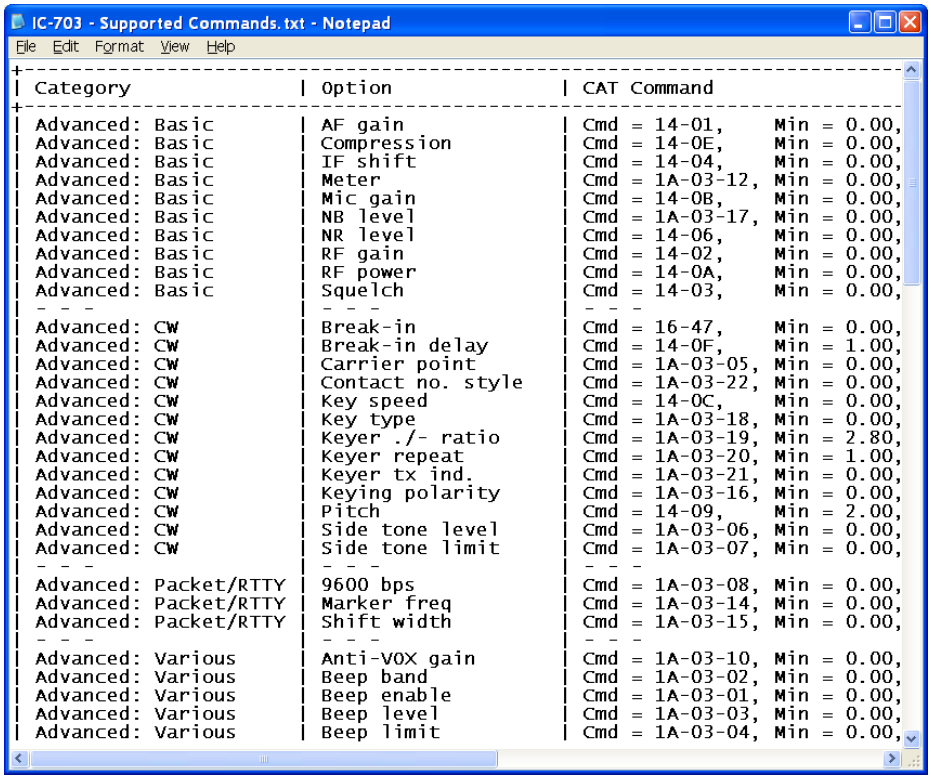


Mainly for use by the HRD programming team, all commands are listed for each radio.

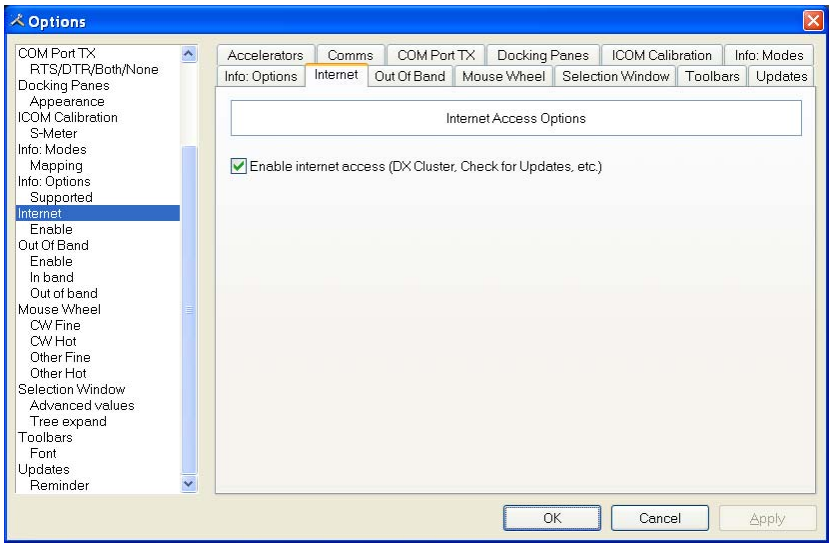
Press *Radio* for a list of all supported radios.

To display the commands:

1. Select a radio,
2. Press Viewer.

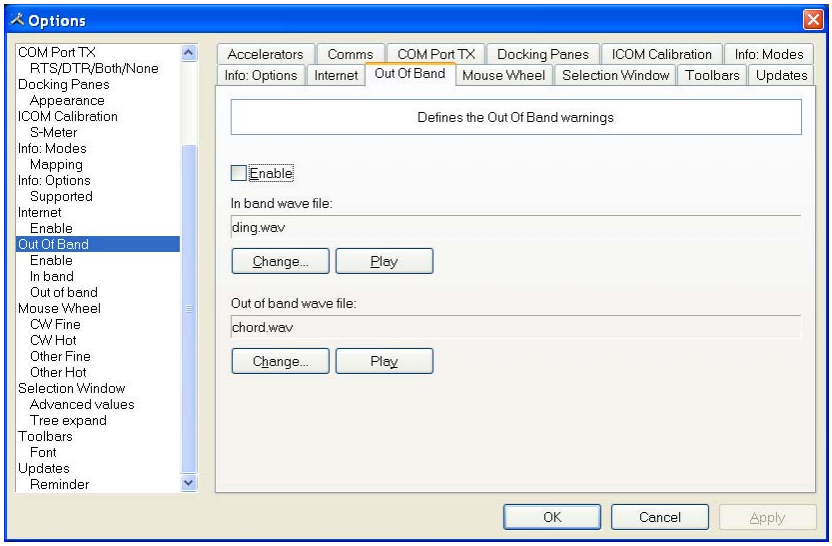

IC-703 - Supported Commands.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
| Category | Option | CAT Command
| Advanced: Basic | AF gain | Cmd = 14-01, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | Compression | Cmd = 14-0E, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | IF shift | Cmd = 14-04, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | Meter | Cmd = 1A-03-12, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | Mic gain | Cmd = 14-0B, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | NB level | Cmd = 1A-03-17, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | NR level | Cmd = 14-06, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | RF gain | Cmd = 14-02, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | RF power | Cmd = 14-0A, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Basic | Squelch | Cmd = 14-03, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Break-in | Cmd = 16-47, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Break-in delay | Cmd = 14-0F, Min = 1.00,
| Advanced: CW | Carrier point | Cmd = 1A-03-05, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Contact no. style | Cmd = 1A-03-22, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Key speed | Cmd = 14-0C, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Key type | Cmd = 1A-03-18, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Keyer ./- ratio | Cmd = 1A-03-19, Min = 2.80,
| Advanced: CW | Keyer repeat | Cmd = 1A-03-20, Min = 1.00,
| Advanced: CW | Keyer tx ind. | Cmd = 1A-03-21, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Keying polarity | Cmd = 1A-03-16, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Pitch | Cmd = 14-09, Min = 2.00,
| Advanced: CW | Side tone level | Cmd = 1A-03-06, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: CW | Side tone limit | Cmd = 1A-03-07, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Packet/RTTY | 9600 bps | Cmd = 1A-03-08, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Packet/RTTY | Marker freq | Cmd = 1A-03-14, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Packet/RTTY | Shift width | Cmd = 1A-03-15, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Various | Anti-VOX gain | Cmd = 1A-03-10, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Various | Beep band | Cmd = 1A-03-02, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Various | Beep enable | Cmd = 1A-03-01, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Various | Beep level | Cmd = 1A-03-03, Min = 0.00,
| Advanced: Various | Beep limit | Cmd = 1A-03-04, Min = 0.00,

Internet



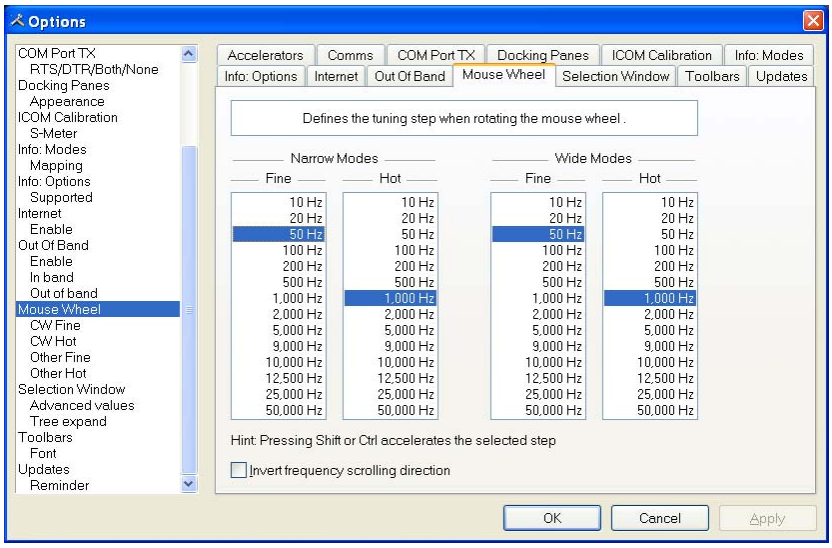
HRD is able to detect whether you have an Internet connection with InternetGetConnectedState(). Uncheck this option if you do not want Internet access.

Out Of Band



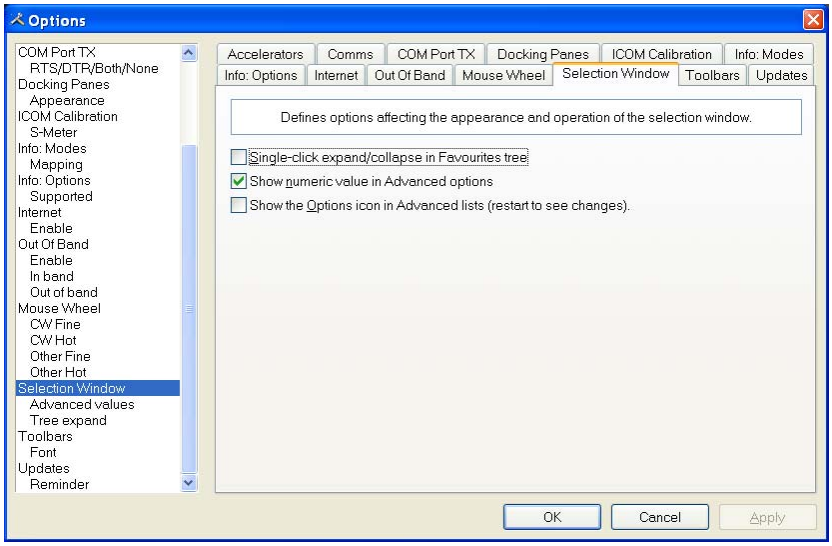
Configure the optional sound files played when you tune in / out of band.

Mouse Wheel



Define the tuning step when rotating the mouse wheel over the active tuning bar.

Selection Window



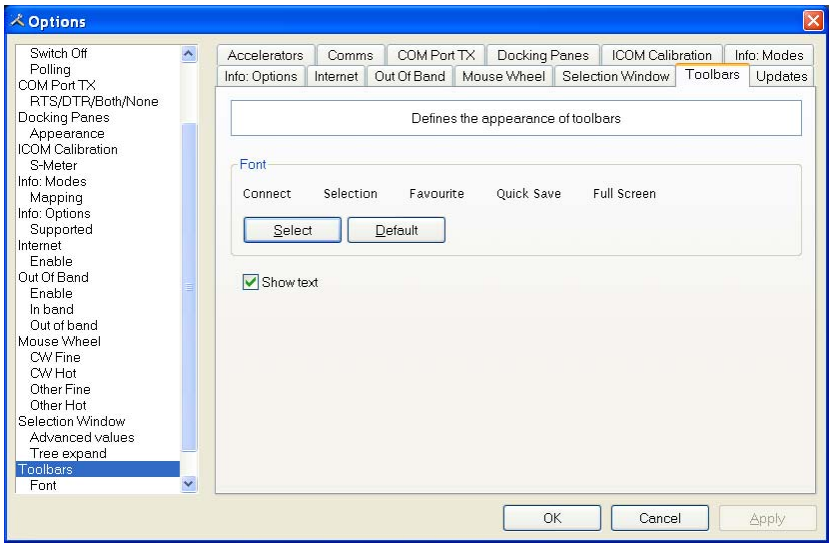
The appearance and operation of the selection window.

Single-click – normally the Favourites tree folders are opened / closed with a double-click. Check this option to enable single-click operation.

Show numeric value – the Select Windows's Advanced slider values are optionally superimposed on the slider.

Show the Options icon – historical support for the version 2 Advanced slider look and feel.

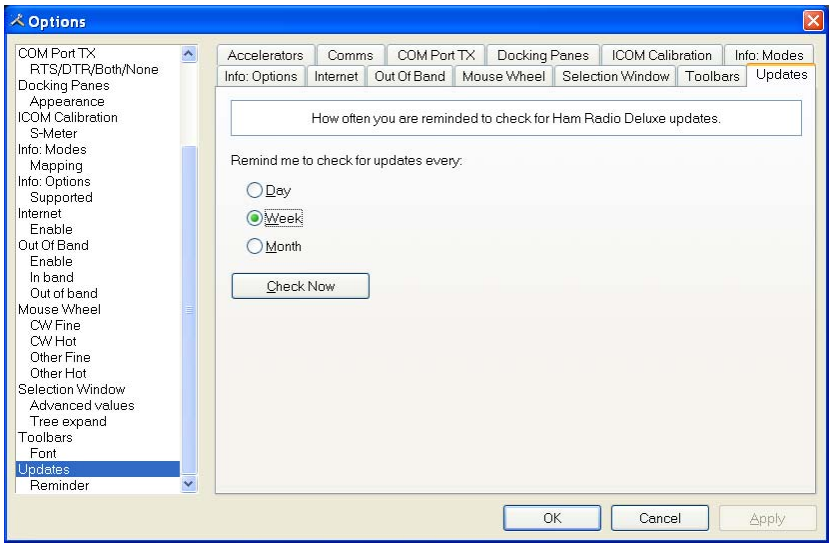
Toolbars



Select the toolbar font and whether text is displayed in toolbars.

The default (suggest) font is Lucida Sans 7 point.

Updates



Select how frequently HRD reminds you to check for new updates.

DDE Support

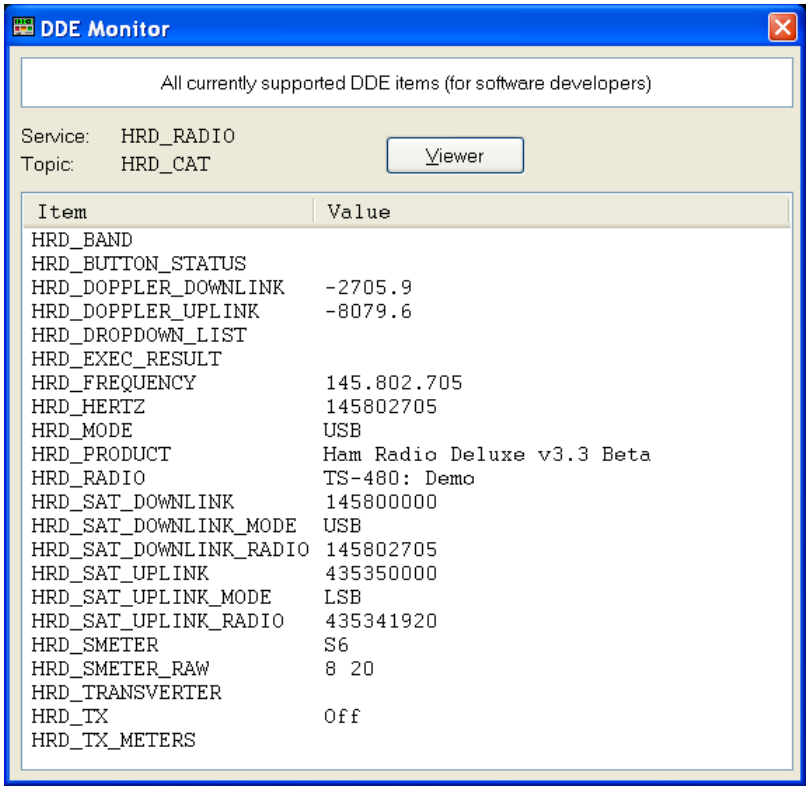
Introduction

HRD uses dynamic data exchange (DDE) for inter-process communication.

DDE allows two or more applications running simultaneously to exchange data and commands.

Available Support

Select *DDE Monitor* from the *Tools* menu to display the supported DDE items.



Commands

The commands below are supported by HRD.

Add ADIF Record

```
ADIF <data>
```

Adds a record to the logbook; the record is supplied in ADIF format. Used by PSK31 Deluxe.

Refresh

```
REFR button_status
```

Refreshes all buttons.

```
REFR dropdown_list
```

Refreshes all dropdown.

Set Button

```
BUTN button_title=value
```

Sets a button state. For normal buttons the value is either *on* or *off*.

If title starts with @ then it's a dropdown, the value must be a dropdown value.

Set Dropdown

```
DROP button _title=value
```

Selects a dropdown value.

Set Frequency

FREQ <hertz>

Sets the frequency to the value supplied in Hertz.

Set Mode

```
MODE <mode>
```

Sets the mode to the supplied value.

Top Window

```
TOPW
```

Makes the HRD the top-most window in the Z-order, in other words brings HRD to the front of your monitor.

DX Cluster

Introduction

A DX Cluster is a means for Amateur (Ham) Radio operators to tell each other, in real-time, about DX stations (other interesting or rare Amateur Radio stations all over the world).

(From http://www.dxcluster.org/ by Dirk Koopman G1TLH)

One station is set up with Packet Cluster and is linked to one or more other stations who have installed the software. These nodes when connected are called a cluster. Clusters are connected to clusters, expanding the network. Individual users connect to the nodes on a frequency different from what the node stations are linked on. Users are capable of announcing DX spots and related announcements, send personal talk messages, send and receive mail messages, search and retrieve archived data, and access data from information databases among its many features.

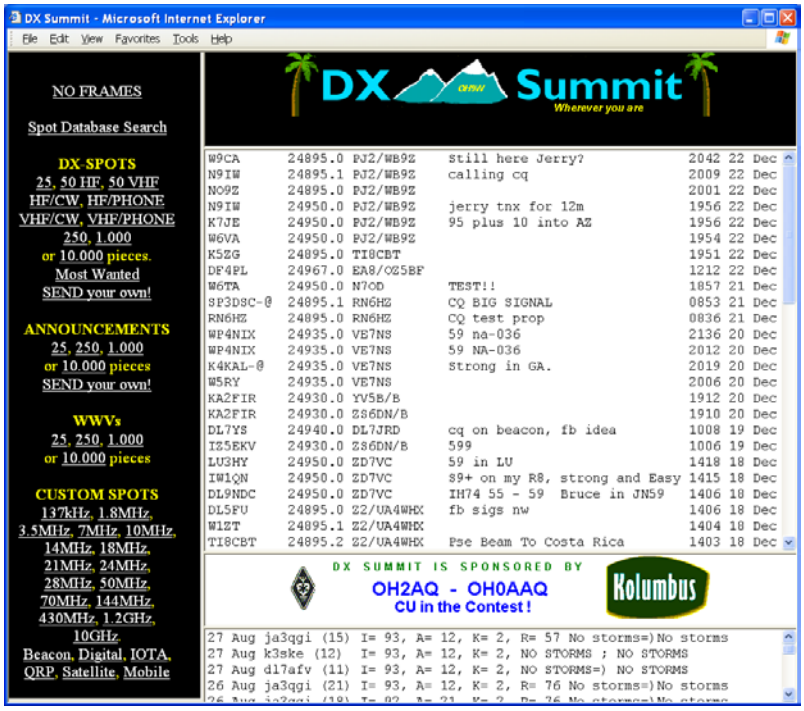
(From http://www.dxcluster.org/ by Chuck K6PBT)

HRD supports:

- OH2AQ web-based cluster (the original and most widely used),
- HRD's own web-based cluster,
- Direct connections to a DX Spider node using a DX cluster client (which in turn uses the telnet protocol).

The OH2AQ and HRD clusters are available using just your web browser.

OH2AQ


DX Summit - Microsoft Internet Explorer
File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
NO FRAMES
Spot Database Search
DX SPOTS
25, 50 HF, 50 VHF
HF/CW, HF/PHONE
VHF/CW, VHF/PHONE
250, 1.000
or 10.000 pieces.
Most Wanted
SEND your own!
ANNOUNCEMENTS
25, 250, 1.000
or 10.000 pieces
SEND your own!
WWVs
25, 250, 1.000
or 10.000 pieces
CUSTOM SPOTS
137kHz, 1.8MHz,
3.5MHz, 7MHz, 10MHz,
14MHz, 18MHz,
21MHz, 24MHz,
28MHz, 50MHz,
70MHz, 144MHz,
430MHz, 1.2GHz,
10GHz,
Beacon, Digital, IOTA,
QRP, Satellite, Mobile
DX Summit
Wherever you are
W9CA 24895.0 PJ2/WB9Z Still here Jerry? 2042 22 Dec
N9IW 24895.1 PJ2/WB9Z calling cq 2009 22 Dec
NO9Z 24895.0 PJ2/WB9Z 2001 22 Dec
N9IW 24950.0 PJ2/WB9Z jerry tnx for 12m 1956 22 Dec
K7JE 24950.0 PJ2/WB9Z 95 plus 10 into AZ 1956 22 Dec
W6VA 24950.0 PJ2/WB9Z 1954 22 Dec
K5ZG 24895.0 TI8CBT 1951 22 Dec
DF4PL 24967.0 EA8/OZ5BF 1212 22 Dec
W6TA 24950.0 N7OD TEST!! 1857 21 Dec
9P3DSC-@ 24895.1 RN6HZ CQ BIG SIGNAL 0853 21 Dec
RN6HZ 24895.0 RN6HZ CQ test prop 0836 21 Dec
WP4NIX 24935.0 VE7NS 59 na-036 2136 20 Dec
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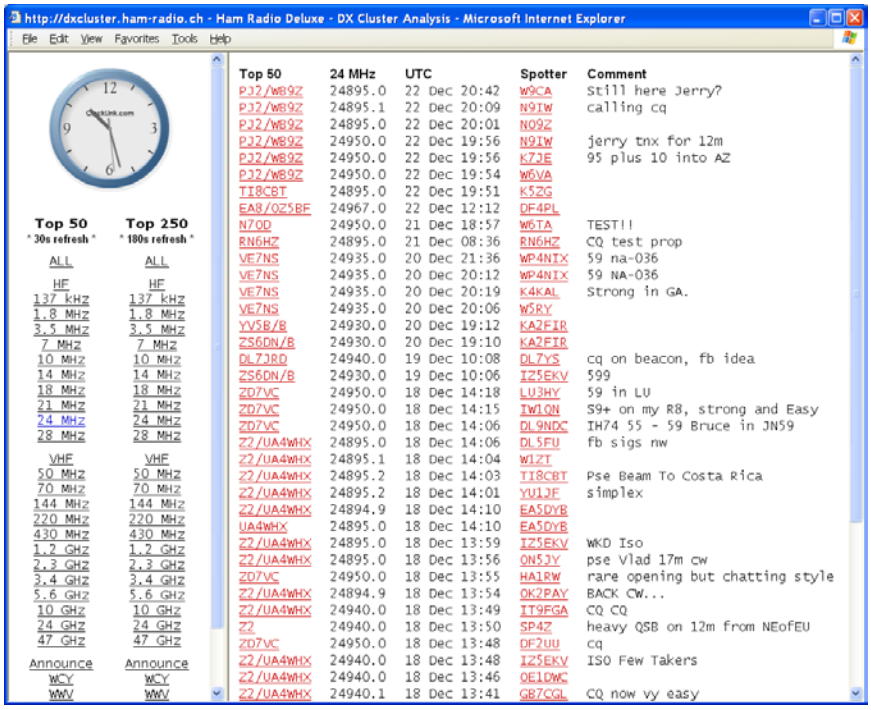
K4KAL-@ 24935.0 VE7NS Strong in GA. 2019 20 Dec
W5RY 24935.0 VE7NS 2006 20 Dec
KA2FIR 24930.0 YV5B/B 1912 20 Dec
KA2FIR 24930.0 ZS6DN/B 1910 20 Dec
DL7YS 24940.0 DL7JRD cq on beacon, fb idea 1008 19 Dec
IZ5EKV 24930.0 ZS6DN/B 599 1006 19 Dec
LU3HY 24950.0 ZD7VC 59 in LU 1418 18 Dec
IW1QN 24950.0 ZD7VC 59+ on my R8, strong and Easy 1415 18 Dec
DL9NDC 24950.0 ZD7VC IH74 55 - 59 Bruce in JN59 1406 18 Dec
DL5FU 24895.0 Z2/UA4WHX fb sigs nw 1406 18 Dec
W1ZT 24895.1 Z2/UA4WHX 1404 18 Dec
TI8CBT 24895.2 Z2/UA4WHX Pse Beam To Costa Rica 1403 18 Dec
DX SUMMIT IS SPONSORED BY
OH2AQ - OH0AAQ
CU in the Contest!
Kolumbus
27 Aug ja3qgi (15) I= 93, A= 12, K= 2, R= 57 No storms=)No storms
27 Aug k3ske (12) I= 93, A= 12, K= 2, NO STORMS ; NO STORMS
27 Aug dl7afv (11) I= 93, A= 12, K= 2, NO STORMS=) NO STORMS
26 Aug ja3qgi (21) I= 93, A= 12, K= 2, R= 76 No storms=)No storms

HRD


http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch - Ham Radio Deluxe - DX Cluster Analysis - Microsoft Internet Explorer
File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
Top 50
* 30s refresh *
ALL
HF
137 kHz
1.8 MHz
3.5 MHz
7 MHz
10 MHz
14 MHz
18 MHz
21 MHz
24 MHz
28 MHz
VHF
50 MHz
70 MHz
144 MHz
220 MHz
430 MHz
1.2 GHz
2.3 GHz
3.4 GHz
5.6 GHz
10 GHz
24 GHz
47 GHz
Announce
WCY
WWV
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24 GHz
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Announce
WCY
WWV
Top 50 24 MHz UTC Spotter Comment
PJ2/WB9Z 24895.0 22 Dec 20:42 W9CA Still here Jerry?
PJ2/WB9Z 24895.1 22 Dec 20:09 N9IW calling cq
PJ2/WB9Z 24895.0 22 Dec 20:01 NO9Z
PJ2/WB9Z 24950.0 22 Dec 19:56 N9IW jerry tnx for 12m
PJ2/WB9Z 24950.0 22 Dec 19:56 K7JE 95 plus 10 into AZ
PJ2/WB9Z 24950.0 22 Dec 19:54 W6VA
TI8CBT 24895.0 22 Dec 19:51 K5ZG
EA8/OZ5BF 24967.0 22 Dec 12:12 DF4PL
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RN6HZ 24895.0 21 Dec 08:36 RN6HZ CQ test prop
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ZD7VC 24950.0 18 Dec 13:55 HA1RW rare opening but chatting style
Z2/UA4WHX 24894.9 18 Dec 13:54 OK2PAY BACK CW...
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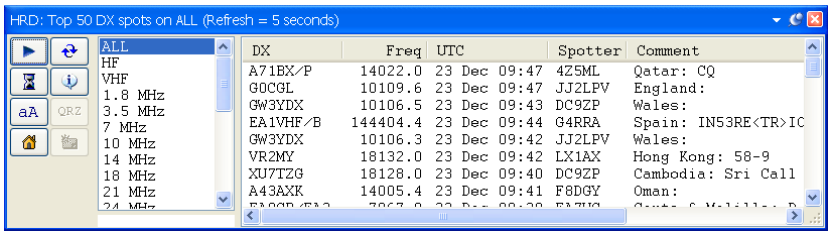
ZD7VC 24950.0 18 Dec 13:48 DF2UU cq
Z2/UA4WHX 24940.0 18 Dec 13:48 IZ5EKV ISO Few Takers
Z2/UA4WHX 24940.0 18 Dec 13:46 OE1DWC
Z2/UA4WHX 24940.1 18 Dec 13:41 GB7CGL CQ now vy easy

Starting

Select *DX Cluster* from the *Tools* menu.


HRD: Top 50 DX spots on ALL (Refresh = 5 seconds)
ALL
HF
VHF
1.8 MHz
3.5 MHz
7 MHz
10 MHz
14 MHz
18 MHz
21 MHz
DX Freq UTC Spotter Comment
A71BX/P 14022.0 23 Dec 09:47 4Z5ML Qatar: CQ
G0CGL 10109.6 23 Dec 09:47 JJ2LPV England:
GW3YDX 10106.5 23 Dec 09:43 DC9ZP Wales:
EA1VHF/B 144404.4 23 Dec 09:44 G4RRA Spain: IN53RE<TR>IC
GW3YDX 10106.3 23 Dec 09:42 JJ2LPV Wales:
VR2MY 18132.0 23 Dec 09:42 LX1AX Hong Kong: 58-9
XU7TZG 18128.0 23 Dec 09:40 DC9ZP Cambodia: Sri Call
A43AXK 14005.4 23 Dec 09:41 F8DGY Oman:

When you click on an entry the frequency is sent to the HRD display.

Configuration

Press to open the Configuration window.

Cluster Source

There are three possible sources for DX spots:

3. OH2AQ – the original and most widely used web-based cluster. The spots are read by parsing data from the pages on the OH2AQ site at http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/ .
4. Ham Radio Deluxe – a web-based cluster with data downloadable in CSV format from http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch/ . These web pages were made available by the HRD team as the OH2AQ cluster can be overloaded at times, especially at the weekend and during contests.
5. Custom – using the DX Cluster Client built into HRD. Here you connect to any DX cluster node.

OH2AQ / Ham Radio Deluxe

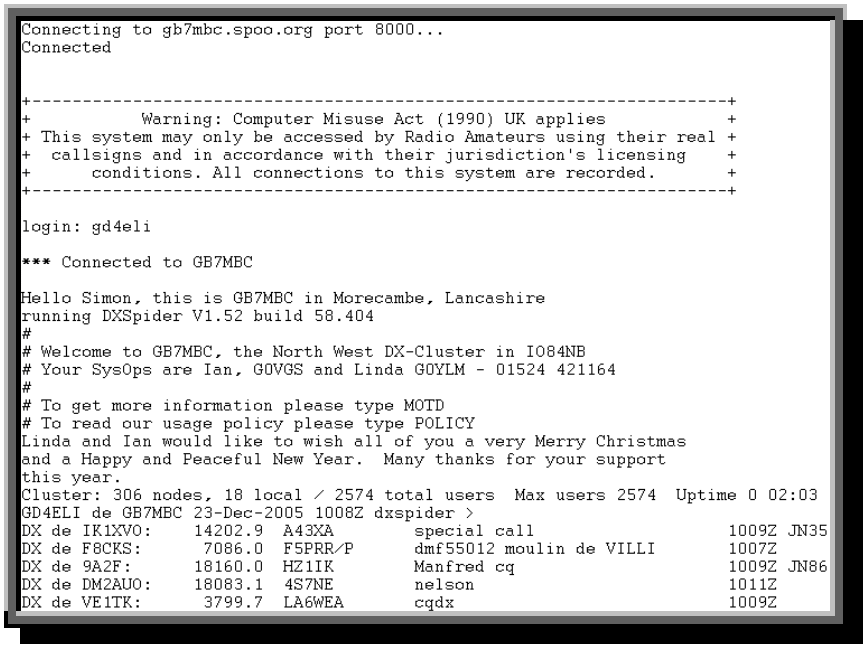
Using these web-based clusters is the easiest way to get started. All you need is an Internet connection.

OH2AQ supports the *Spot* option; the Ham Radio Deluxe cluster offers a faster response when OH2AQ is overloaded.

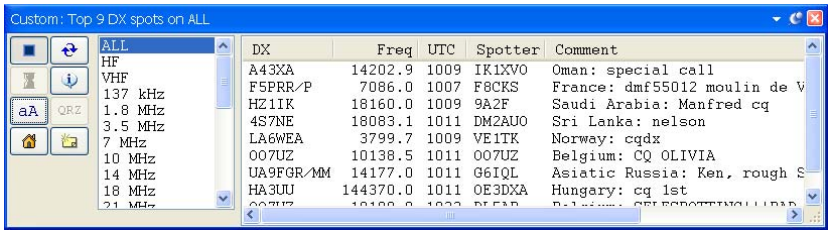
Custom – DX Cluster Client

This option is only supported on Windows NT/2K/XP. It is not supported in Windows 98/ME/SE.

In the DX Cluster Client pane you connect to a DX Spider cluster, for example GB7MBC in sunny Morecambe or HB9DRV in snowy Laax.


Connecting to gb7mbc.spoo.org port 8000...
Connected
+--+
+ Warning: Computer Misuse Act (1990) UK applies +
+ This system may only be accessed by Radio Amateurs using their real +
+ callsigns and in accordance with their jurisdiction's licensing +
+ conditions. All connections to this system are recorded. +
+--+
login: gd4eli
*** Connected to GB7MBC
Hello Simon, this is GB7MBC in Morecambe, Lancashire
running DXSpider V1.52 build 58.404
#
Welcome to GB7MBC, the North West DX-Cluster in IO84NB
Your SysOps are Ian, GOVGS and Linda GOYLM - 01524 421164
#
To get more information please type MOTD
To read our usage policy please type POLICY
Linda and Ian would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. Many thanks for your support
this year.
Cluster: 306 nodes, 18 local / 2574 total users Max users 2574 Uptime 0 02:03
GD4ELI de GB7MBC 23-Dec-2005 1008Z dxspider >
DX de IK1XVO: 14202.9 A43XA special call 1009Z JN35
DX de F8CKS: 7086.0 F5PRR/P dmf55012 moulin de VILLI 1007Z
DX de 9A2F: 18160.0 HZ1IK Manfred cq 1009Z JN86
DX de DM2AUO: 18083.1 4S7NE nelson 1011Z
DX de VE1TK: 3799.7 LA6WEA cqdx 1009Z

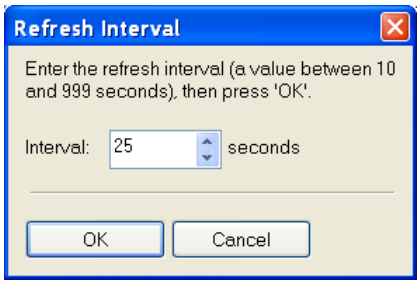
Here GD4ELI has logged on to GB7MBC. DX spots are displayed in this window as they are received and are sent to the DX Cluster window for immediate display.


Custom: Top 9 DX spots on ALL
aA
QRZ
ALL
HF
VHF
137 kHz
1.8 MHz
3.5 MHz
7 MHz
10 MHz
14 MHz
18 MHz
DX Freq UTC Spotter Comment
A43XA 14202.9 1009 IK1XVO Oman: special call
F5PRR/P 7086.0 1007 F8CKS France: dmf55012 moulin de V
HZ1IK 18160.0 1009 9A2F Saudi Arabia: Manfred cq
4S7NE 18083.1 1011 DM2AUO Sri Lanka: nelson
LA6WEA 3799.7 1009 VE1TK Norway: cqdx
OO7UZ 10138.5 1011 OO7UZ Belgium: CQ OLIVIA
UA9FGR/MM 14177.0 1011 G6IQL Asiatic Russia: Ken, rough S
HA3UU 144370.0 1011 OE3DXA Hungary: cq 1st

The advantage here is that you can apply any filtering supported by the DX Spider node you connect to. If your interest is European 144MHz then you don't want to see 144MHz spots from the rest of the world.

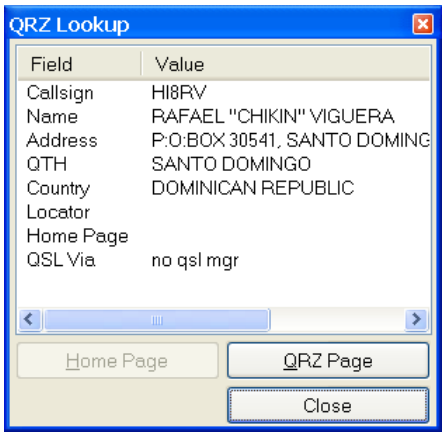
Options

Press ▶ to enable regular updates; the update interval is set by pressing ⌛ (not applicable is using a custom DX cluster). Press 🔄 to refresh the display.


Refresh Interval
Enter the refresh interval (a value between 10 and 999 seconds), then press 'OK'.
Interval: 25 seconds
OK
Cancel

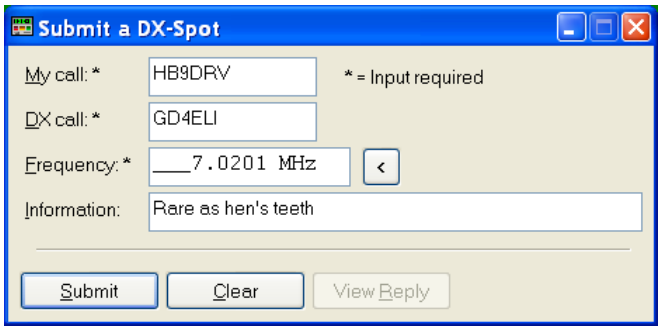
Press aA to change the font size.

Select an entry in the display, then press QRZ to perform a lookup of the station from the QRZ website.



Press to display the homepage for the selected source (not available if using a custom DX cluster).

Press to submit a spot (not available is using the HRD source).



Auxiliary Switching

Introduction

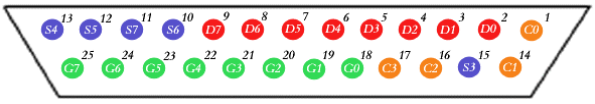
A standard PC comes equipped with an 8-bit parallel port that can be used to switch auxiliary equipment such as antennas, bandpass filters and power amplifiers.

Ham Radio Deluxe supports the parallel port via fully configurable manager and monitor displays.

Typical uses of this option are to switch antennas, either automatically as the frequency changes, or by selecting an option from the Parallel Port pane of the selection window.

Technology

The parallel port sends 8 bits at a time. The layout of the parallel port pins is shown below.



The data pins are shown in red; D0 is pin 2, D7 is pin 9.

To indicate that a bit has a value of 1, a charge of 5 volts is sent through the correct pin. No charge on a pin indicates a value of 0. This is a simple but highly effective way to transmit digital information over an analog cable in real-time.

Manager

The manager window is invoked from the *Tools* > *Parallel Port* menu.

Definitions

Each definition consists of:

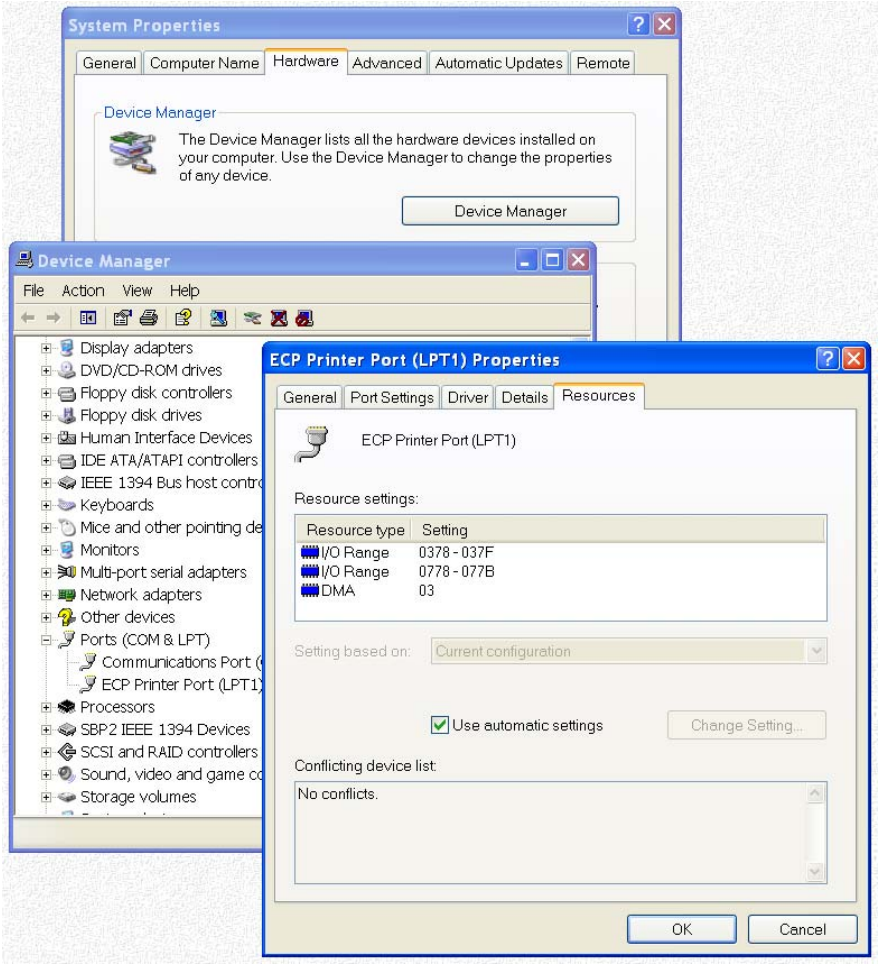
- [X] Enabled selection – if not checked then the definition is ignored when Ham Radio Deluxe detects a new frequency. The definition is still shown in the selection window if this option is enabled.
- Title – a description of the antenna or component that will be switched when the entry is selected.

- From – the lower end of the frequency range.
- To – the upper end of the frequency range.
- Port – the LPT port to be switched by the definition.
- D0-D7 – the parallel port data bit settings, each bit is either 1 (on) or 0 (off). D0 is pin 2, D7 is pin 9.

Port Address

The default port addresses for LPT1, LPT2 and LPT3 are 0378, 0278 and 03BC respectively. If your computer has a different configuration just select the address that corresponds to the port.

You will find the port address via the *Device Manager* settings display located in the *System* control panel applet.



In the Windows XP example below the base address is 0378.

Various

The options are:

- Auto-switch: as the frequency displayed by Ham Radio Deluxe changes a lookup is made against the parallel port definitions and the parallel port switched to the configuration for the first definition in the list that matches the new frequency.

- Selection window: displays a Parallel Port pane in the main HRD selection window. See Selection Window on page 49.

Monitor

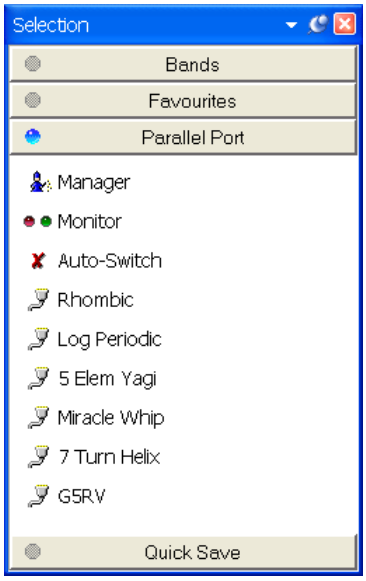
The monitor window is started from the *Tools* > *Parallel Port* menu. The monitor:

- shows the current state of the data pins for a selected parallel port,
- allows you to select a definition, and
- toggle the data pins directly.

The Definition field shows the definition that matches the current pin selection (if any).

Selection Window

To display the selection window select the selection window option in the Parallel Port Manager.



The options are:

- Manager – starts the Parallel Port Manager.
- Monitor – starts the Parallel Port Monitor.
- Auto-switch – if enabled (tick) then a match is made with the first enabled definition when the frequency changes. If not enabled (cross) then a match is not made.
- Definitions – click on a definition to apply the definition to the port.

The icon indicates whether a definition that has been enabled or disabled. Disabled definitions can be selected in this window; they are only ignored when matching a new frequency against the list of definitions.

Remote Server

Introduction

The HRD Remote Server enables a connection between Ham Radio Deluxe and a radio connected to a remote computer that can be contacted via TCP/IP.

Requirements

The remote computer must be running Windows NT – that is NT 4.0, 2000, 2003 or XP. Windows 95, 98 and various flavours thereof are not supported.

Technology

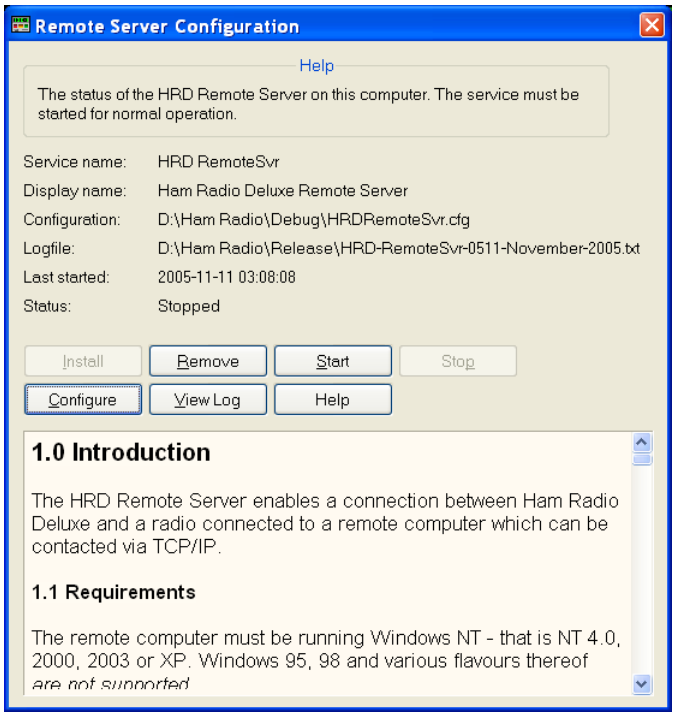
A Windows service is installed on the remote service. This listens on a port (usually 7805) for incoming connections from Ham Radio Deluxe (the client).

Installing

The HRD Remote Server files are:

- HRDRemoteSvr.exe – the executable,
- HRDRemoteSvr.cfg – configuration file, and
- HRDRemoteSvr README.txt – essential reading.

To install the service select *Remote Service* from the *Tools> Programs* menu.


Remote Server Configuration
Help
The status of the HRD Remote Server on this computer. The service must be started for normal operation.
Service name: HRD RemoteSvr
Display name: Ham Radio Deluxe Remote Server
Configuration: D:\Ham Radio\Debug\HRDRemoteSvr.cfg
Logfile: D:\Ham Radio\Release\HRD-RemoteSvr-0511-November-2005.txt
Last started: 2005-11-11 03:08:08
Status: Stopped
Install
Remove
Start
Stop
Configure
View Log
Help
1.0 Introduction
The HRD Remote Server enables a connection between Ham Radio Deluxe and a radio connected to a remote computer which can be contacted via TCP/IP.
1.1 Requirements
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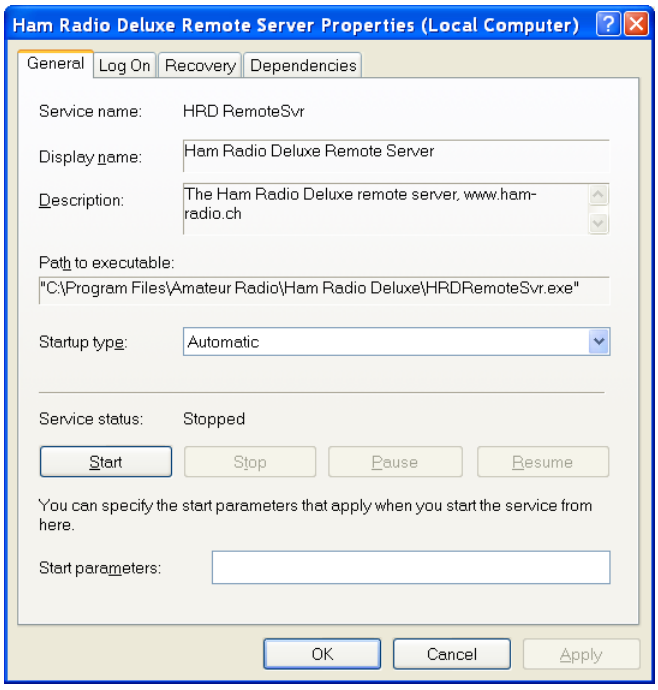
Press *Install* to install the service, and then press *Start* to start the service.

You can start the Windows *Services* applet (Start – Settings – Control Panel – Administrative Tools – Services) to modify the properties of the service, for example disabling automatic startup.



Configuring

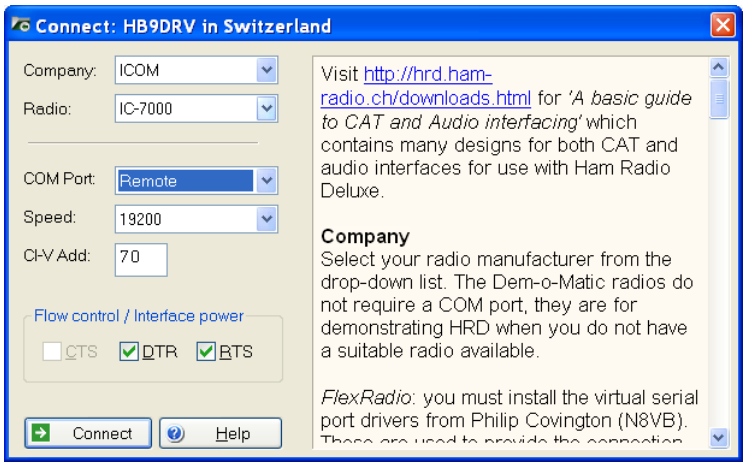
Press *Configure* to edit *HRDRemoteSvr.cfg* which contains the service configuration.

```
#
#   Ham Radio Deluxe Remote Access Server
#   -------------------------------------
#
#   Copright (c) 2004 by Simon Brown, HB9DRV.
#
#   Note: this only runs on Windows NT/2K/XP. It does not run
#   on Windows 95/98/ME/SE.
#
#   This file defines the configuration of the Remote Access Server.
#   The format of each entry is TOKEN = VALUE.
#
#   Supported tokens
#   ----------------
#   COM
#   PORT
#   USER1 to USER20
#   WELCOME
#

#
#   A comma-separated list of COM ports that are returned. If not defined then
#   the server returns a list of all COM ports available on the computer.
#
#COM = COM1,COM2,COM3,COM4
#COM = COM1

#
#   The TCP/IP port on which the server listens for connections. If not defined
#   then the default value of 7805 is used. Select any port number you want which
#   is not in use by other programs.
#
PORT = 7805

#
#   Username/passwords, these are case-insensitive. Spaces are removed
#   from the beginning and end of the username and password.
#
#   The format is USERx = username,password
#
USER1  = Simon,SnowTime
USER2  = Peter,Uberwald
USER20 = Donald,California

#
#   Welcome text, displayed on the remote user's computer. Note that
#   \n is replaced with a newline. Enter up to 511 characters on a single line.
#
WELCOME = Welcome to the HRD Remote Access Server.\n\nPlease don't break anything!
```

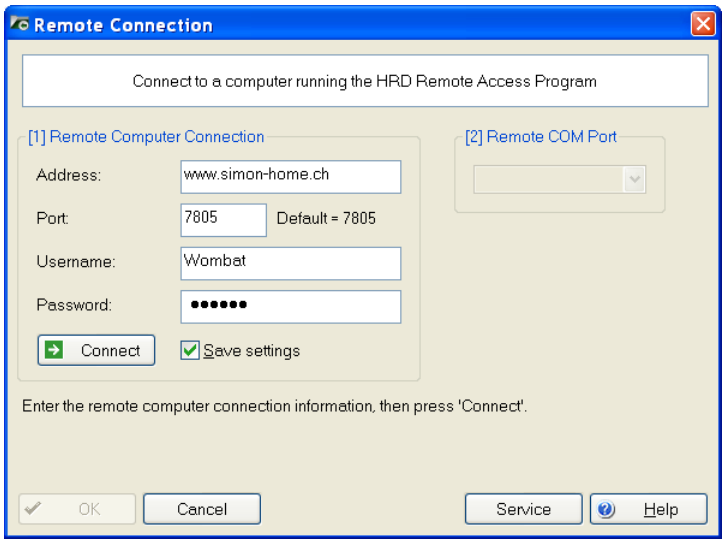
The contents of this file should be obvious. After changing the configuration you should restart the service.

Connecting

To connect to the remote server enter values as normal when starting HRD but select the Remote port, then press Connect.


Connect: HB9DRV in Switzerland
Company:
ICOM
Radio:
IC-7000
COM Port:
Remote
Speed:
19200
CI-V Add:
70
Flow control / Interface power
CTS
DTR
RTS
Connect
Help
Visit http://hrd.ham-radio.ch/downloads.html for 'A basic guide to CAT and Audio interfacing' which contains many designs for both CAT and audio interfaces for use with Ham Radio Deluxe.
Company
Select your radio manufacturer from the drop-down list. The Dem-o-Matic radios do not require a COM port, they are for demonstrating HRD when you do not have a suitable radio available.
FlexRadio: you must install the virtual serial port drivers from Philip Covington (N8VB).

When you press *Connect* the Remote Connection window is displayed.



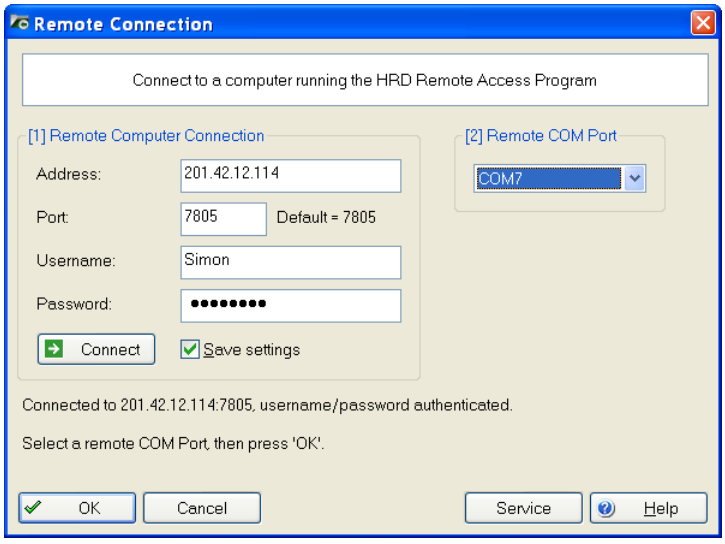
Enter connection information:

- Address: the remote computer address in either numeric or alphabetic form – for example 195.154.179.101 or www.simon-home.ch .
- Port: the port assigned to the remote service, usually 7805.
- Username: a valid username defined in the configuration file. This is case-insensitive.
- Password: the password corresponding to the username. This is case-insensitive.
- To save these values make sure the *Save settings* option is checked X.

Press *Connect*. If the connection is successful the text

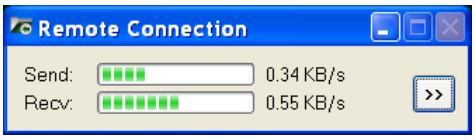
Username/password authenticated. Select a remote COM port, then press 'OK'

is displayed.

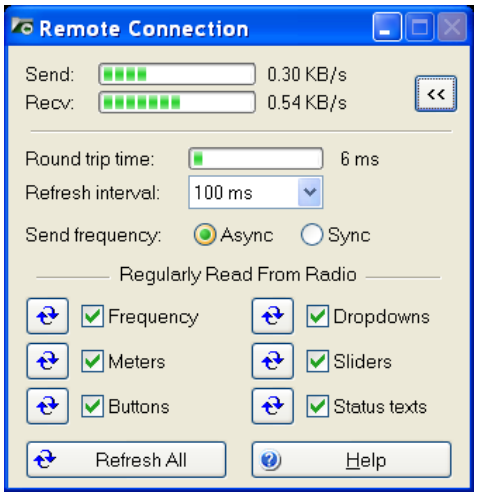


Now select the COM port, and then press OK to connect to the remote COM port and start the HRD radio display.

When the connection with the radio has been confirmed a *Remote Connection* display window shows you the data throughput and average round-trip time.



Remote Connection



Use the *Remote Connection* window to show the status of the remote connection.

- Round-trip time: the time required to send a message from HRD to the remote server and get a response. This will be very similar to the value shown when you use Ping to interrogate a remote host. Typically values of 50 milliseconds or less are very usable.
- Refresh interval: the interval between refreshes of the selected Regularly Read options.
- Send frequency: when the frequency is updated over a link with a high round trip time (> 100ms) the performance will be less than optimal with Sync selected so if the round trip is high select Async, otherwise just select Sync. The disadvantage of using Async is an 'elastic band' effect while tuning by dragging HRD's small tuning marker.
- Regularly Read: the options that are regularly updated. If you are using a fast link - for example to a local station with a low round-trip time then you can safely select all options. The disadvantage of selecting options such as Buttons, Dropdowns, Sliders and Status Texts is that it may take a second or two before HRD detects that you are changing the frequency by dragging the tuning marker and the current refresh operation cannot be interrupted.

Slow Link

If you have a slow link - a round-trip time > 100 ms - then select only Meters. As this is a remote station it is unlikely that anyone else will be adjusting the radio's controls so you will not need to refresh buttons and dropdowns as you would with a locally connected radio.

The disadvantage of not selecting Buttons and Dropdowns is that inter-button dependencies will not be shown - for example you may have 4 AGC buttons Off, Fast, Medium and Slow, only one of which will be active at any one time. If Buttons is not enabled for regular refreshes then pressing Fast will not update the

other AGC buttons. In this case you must press the small refresh button to the right of the Buttons check box.

To refresh all display options click *Refresh All*.

Technical Information

Remember that the software is designed for Windows NT but it should be possible to map all these commands to Linux and other UNIX derivatives.

The source code for the main processing thread is available; the rest is highly-Windows oriented and is of no use for other platforms.

Commands

The supported commands are:

Command	Description
MSG_CMD_AUTHENTICATE	Authenticate username/password
MSG_CMD_CLOSE_HANDLE	Close COM port.
MSG_CMD_CREATE_FILE	Open a COM port
MSG_CMD_DEVICE_IO_CONTROL	Send control code to COM port driver
MSG_CMD_GET_COM_PORTS	Return a list of COM ports
MSG_CMD_PURGE_COMM	Discards all characters from the input buffer of the COM port. Terminates pending read or write operations on the resource
MSG_CMD_READ_FILE	Read the COM port
MSG_CMD_READ_FILE_EX	Read the COM port (extended read)
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_MASK	Specify events to be monitored.
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_STATE	Configure COM port.
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_TIMEOUTS	SET timeouts.
MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_ASYNC	Asynchronous write, no reply expected
MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_SYNC	Synchronous write (reply expected)

All commands expect a reply except for MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_ASYNC.

The command values are:

```
enum RemoteSvrMessages
{
   MSG_CMD_AUTHENTICATE      = 0,
   MSG_CMD_GET_COM_PORTS     = 1,
   MSG_CMD_CREATE_FILE       = 2,
   MSG_CMD_DEVICE_IO_CONTROL = 3,
   MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_MASK     = 4,
   MSG_CMD_PURGE_COMM        = 5,
   MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_STATE    = 6,
   MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_TIMEOUTS = 7,
   MSG_CMD_READ_FILE         = 8,
   MSG_CMD_READ_FILE_EX      = 9,
   MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_SYNC   = 10,
   MSG_CMD_CLOSE_HANDLE      = 11,
   MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_ASYNC  = 12,
};
```

Structures

The structures used are shown below. All members are byte-aligned. All commands start with the structure

```
typedef struct {
    UINT nSize;     //  Total command size
    UINT nHead;     //  4 bytes, 'HRD*'
    UINT nCmd;      //  Command index
} MSG_HEADER;
```

- nSize - the total size in bytes of the message being sent.
- nHead – 4 bytes of sanity– 'HRD*'.
- nCmd – a command from the table below.

Command	Structure
MSG_CMD_AUTHENTICATE	MSG_AUTHENTICATE
MSG_CMD_CLOSE_HANDLE	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_CREATE_FILE	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_DEVICE_IO_CONTROL	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_GET_COM_PORTS	MSG_GENERAL
MSG_CMD_PURGE_COMM	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_READ_FILE	MSG_COM_READ
MSG_CMD_READ_FILE_EX	MSG_COM_READ
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_MASK	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_STATE	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_SET_COMM_TIMEOUTS	MSG_COM_PORT
MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_ASYNC	MSG_COM_WRITE
MSG_CMD_WRITE_FILE_SYNC	MSG_COM_WRITE

MSG_AUTHENTICATE

```
typedef struct {
   MSG_HEADER  header;
   BOOL        bAuthenticated;
   char        szUsername[64];
   char        szPassword[64];
   char        szStatus[512];
} MSG_AUTHENTICATE;
```

MSG_COM_PORT

```
typedef struct {

   MSG_HEADER        header;
   char              lpFileName[32];
   DWORD             dwDesiredAccess;
   DWORD             dwCreationDisposition;

   DWORD             dwIoControlCode;
   BYTE              byInBuffer[64];
   DWORD             dwInBufferSize;
   BYTE              byOutBuffer[64];
   DWORD             dwOutBufferSize;
   DWORD             dwBytesReturned;
```

```
   DWORD             dwFlags;
   DWORD             dwEvtMask;

   DCB               dcb;
   COMMTIMEOUTS      timeouts;

   HANDLE            hHandle;
   BOOL              bStatus;
   char              szStatus[256];
} MSG_COM_PORT;
```

MSG_GENERAL

```
typedef struct {
   MSG_HEADER  header;
   BOOL        bStatus;
   BYTE        byData[4096];
} MSG_GENERAL;
```

MSG_COM_READ

```
typedef struct {
   MSG_HEADER        header;
   HANDLE            hHandle;
   DWORD             dwNumberOfBytesToRead;
   BYTE              byTermChar;
   DWORD             dwNumberOfBytesRead;
   BOOL              bStatus;
   OVERLAPPED        overlapped;
   BYTE              byData[4096];
} MSG_COM_READ;
```

MSG_COM_WRITE

```
typedef struct {
   MSG_HEADER        header;
   HANDLE            hHandle;
   DWORD             dwNumberOfBytesToWrite;
   DWORD             dwNumberOfBytesWritten;
   OVERLAPPED        overlapped;
   BOOL              bStatus;
   BYTE              byData[4096];
} MSG_COM_WRITE;
```

Satellite Tracking

Introduction

If you are new to satellite tracking visit http://www.amsat.org/ maintained by The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) for excellent articles written for new satellite users.

HRD's Satellite Tracking support would not be possible without the help of David Taylor and his open source satellite-tracking library.

After using David's code to get started I wrote my won library, shipped as a DLL with HRD and based on NORAD SGP4/SDP4 Implementations by Michael F. Henry. Full source is available on request.

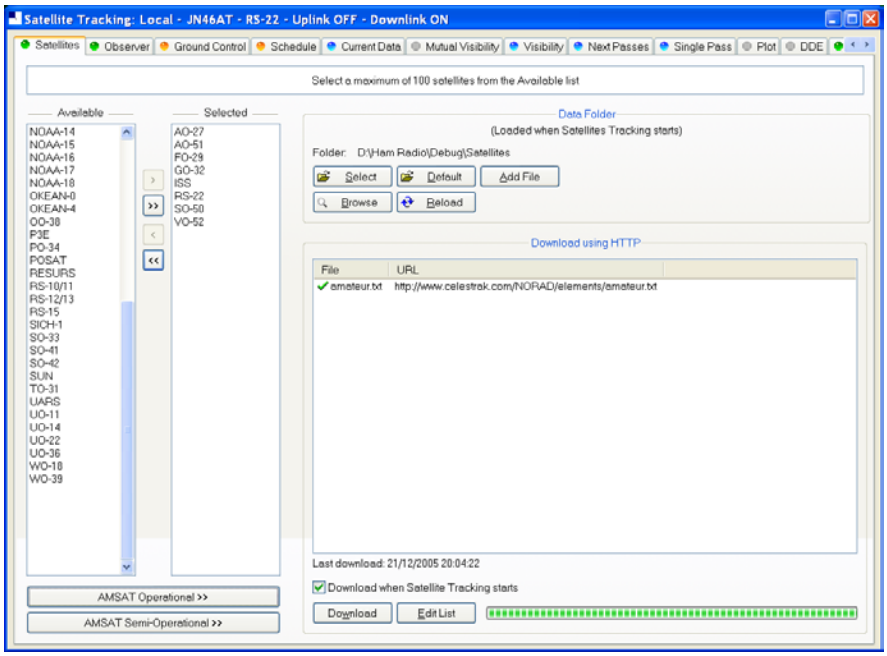
The most important rule: it's the frequency on the satellite that is important, not the frequency on your radio. This is the most common mistake made when using a satellite.

If you are using two radios for satellite tracking – one for transmit, the other for receive – read this section first, then refer to Dual Radio Satellite Tracking on page 74.

Dual radio support is arguably the most flexible way to work with satellites.

Satellites

The software requires information about the satellites you will be tracking, this information is known as Keplerian elements. Johannes Kepler (1571 – 1630) discovered the three laws of planetary motion in 1609 and 1619 – a remarkable feat!



The satellites window lists the files containing the Keplerian elements used to plot the position of satellites and compute the correct frequencies for the uplink and downlink.

The default folder is *Satellites* located below the folder where you have installed HRD - for example*:*

C:\Program Files\Amateur Radio\Ham Radio Deluxe\Satellites.

To change the folder just press *Select*.

It is recommended that you update the data files in the *Satellites* folder when you start using Ham Radio Deluxe as the files shipped in the kits will be out of date by the time you start to use them. These files should ideally be refreshed every few days.

If you check the *'Download when Satellite Tracking starts'* option then the files are downloaded every time you start satellite tracking.

To download the latest Kepler data files press *Download*. The files are downloaded to the folder containing your satellite data.

To edit the list of files press *Edit List*. The file is *HRD Satellite List.txt* in the folder *Satellites* folder.

Example:

```
#++
#
#   The entries below are downloaded using the Satellites page
#   in the Satellites data option. Data is saved in .txt files.
#
#   Entries must start with http://
#
#   Ham Radio Deluxe only supports the two-line format, for example:
#
#   AO-40
#   1 26609U 00072B   03309.95521145 -.00000007  00000-0  00000+0 0  3675
#   2 26609   9.9303  22.9678 7977178 228.8131  28.6254  1.25597973 13867
#
#--

#########################################################################
#                                                                       #
#   When you change this list you should delete old files which are     #
#   no longer being used.                                               #
#                                                                       #
#########################################################################

#
#   From AMSAT (recommended for Amateur radio satellites).
#
# http://www.amsat.org/amsat/ftp/keps/current/nasabare.txt

#
#   From Celestrak
#
#   Remove the # comment to add these.
#
http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/amateur.txt
# http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/goes.txt
# http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/stations.txt
# http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/visual.txt
# http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/weather.txt
#
```

New satellite data files can be downloaded from the Internet, for example from http://www.amsat.org/ or from http://www.celestrak.com/ maintained by T.S. Kelso.

The only supported file format is two-line element sets, for example:

```
AO-7
1 07530U 74089B   03265.96753648 -.00000029  00000-0  10000-3 0  2356
2 07530 101.7328 311.4393 0012255  21.1784 338.9793 12.53565904320301
AO-10
1 14129U 83058B   03265.06525444 -.00000148  00000-0  10000-3 0  9658
2 14129  26.3223 129.7582 5974698  27.0721 354.5394  2.05868478124501
```

The verbose format is not supported.

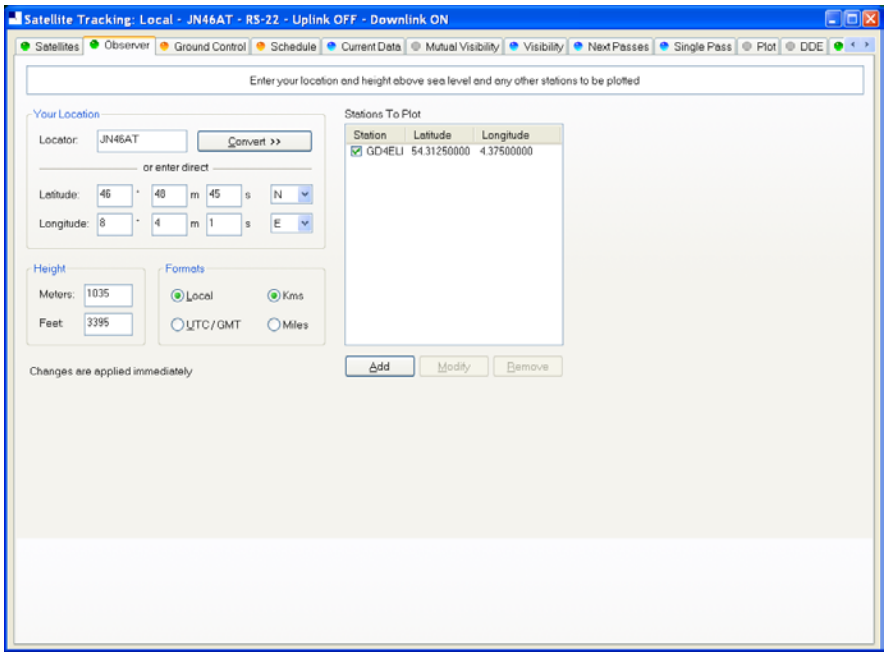
The bare NASA format elements from http://www.amsat.org/ contain all satellites of interest to radio amateurs.

Alternatively if you look at http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/ you will see many files that can be downloaded. Just download these files and save them in the Satellites folder selected previously. For more information about the contents of these files browse http://www.celestrak.com/.

All text files in the Data Folder are loaded into Ham Radio Deluxe, so you should delete old files if you no longer need them.

Select up to 100 entries from the *Available* list by either double-clicking on individual entries or by highlighting one or more entries and pressing > . By pressing >> all entries (up to a maximum of 100) are moved to the *Selected* list.

Observer



In the *Observer* window you enter your location and height above sea level in meters or feet (for users more familiar with imperial measurements: 1 metre is 3.3 feet). You also enter an optional list of stations that are plotted on the world maps. Only the checked [X] entries are plotted.

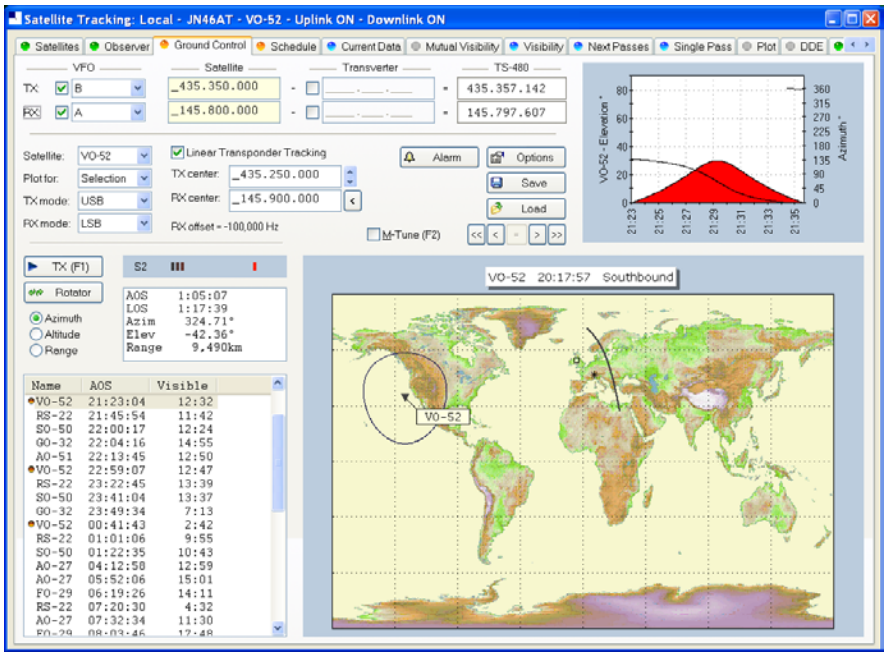
Enter your location either:

6. By entering your Maidenhead Locator in the Locator field and the pressing *Convert >>* or
7. By entering the Latitude and Longitude directly.

You also select the preferred time format; either Local (default) or UTC. Distance is displayed in either kilometers or miles.

You must press *Apply* to update the satellite settings.

Ground Control



This window is used to adjust your radio's TX (uplink) and RX (downlink) frequency to compensate for the Doppler effect, which is the apparent shift in frequency of a wave due to the relative motion of source and observer. Doppler shift is calculated in accordance with Kepler's laws.

- Enter the satellite uplink (your TX) frequency in the Satellite TX field.
- Enter the satellite downlink (your RX) frequency in the Satellite RX field.
- Select the VFO you will use for TX and RX (see rest of this section).
- If you are using a transverter enter the transverter offsets.

When you are tuning remember that the important frequency is the satellite frequency, not the frequency on your radio. The frequency on your radio is the satellite frequency corrected for Doppler shift.

Kenwood TS-2000

The computer can only update both main and sub frequencies either:

- In receive mode, or
- In transmit mode with SAT selected.

A special solution is required when the uplink (TX) and downlink (RX) frequencies are in the same band. When you start the TS-2000 you have an extra TX VFO option *Sub+XIT* which is only used for same band split operation (see below). When selected the Sub VFO is used for transmitting, Doppler correction is applied by adjusting the XIT value.

Cross Band

In normal cross-band satellite mode (for example transmit on 70cms and receive on 2m) select:

- TX VFO B/Sub (the TS-2000 always uses the Sub VFO for TX),
- RX VFO A/Main,
- SAT on,
- Split off.

The TS-2000 must be in satellite mode so that the computer can update the TX frequency.

Be careful with the TS-2000's *TF SET* button, each time you press *TF-SET* the uplink (TX) frequency and the downlink (RX) frequency are swapped. So if the frequencies in HRD are the opposite of those shown on the radio just press *TF SET* once.

Same Band (Split)

An example is talking to the astronauts on the ISS where the TX frequency is 145.200.000 MHz and the RX frequency is 145.800.00 MHz. You cannot use SAT mode as this is only used for cross-band operation, so you use *Split* mode.

- TX VFO Sub+XIT,
- RX VFO Main,
- SAT off,
- Split on.

XIT will be switched on as soon as you check TX [X] updates. If you switch it off then HRD will switch it on again.

The RX (main) frequency on the TS-2000 is set to the correct RX frequency (satellite + Doppler correction).

The TX (sub) frequency on the TS-2000 is set to the TX satellite frequency; the Doppler correction is applied by adjusting the XIT value. When you transmit the TS-2000 displays the TX (sub) frequency +/- XIT so the frequency displayed on the TS-2000 is the correct frequency (satellite + Doppler correction).

When you start transmitting you may hear beeps from the radio - it takes HRD a few seconds before it detects that you are transmitting. When HRD detects transmit mode it stops updating the RX (main) frequency intil you return to receive as the frequency cannot be updated by the computer while transmitting with SAT off.

Yaesu

FT-847

You must select *SAT* mode on the FT-847 so that Ham Radio Deluxe can read and set both the TX and RX frequencies. It is not possible to determine the state of the FT-847's *SAT* button so you must press the *SAT* button in HRD so that it shows SAT as being enabled.

In normal cross-band satellite mode (for example transmit on 70cms and receive on 2m) select:

- TX VFO B/Sub,
- RX VFO A/Main,
- SAT on,
- Split off,

- Tracking off (you do not need to enable tracking, the computer does everything for you, also the tuning response with HRD is much faster with tracking off). To switch tracking off press the A > B button underneath Track.

The FT-847 must be in satellite mode so that the computer can update the TX frequency.

When in SAT mode the FT-847 takes a long time to respond to 'Read Frequency' requests - especially if tracking is on, as a result when you tune the FT-847 with the radio's tuning dial the displayed frequency will not update very quickly.

Other

The transmit frequency of some Yaesu radios such as the FT-817 and FT-857 cannot be changed while in transmit mode, so it is not possible to apply Doppler correction while transmitting. If you think your Yaesu radio can be updated while transmitting please contact the author.

ICOM

IC-910H

In normal cross-band satellite mode (for example transmit on 70cms and receive on 2m) select:

- TX VFO Sub,
- RX VFO Main,
- SAT on.

The IC-910H must be in satellite mode so that the TX uses the Sub frequency. If the bands on the radio are the same as HRD but reversed press *M / S* to switch the Main and Sub frequencies.

Because the IC-910H cannot display the same band on both Main and Sub HRD cannot update the frequencies unless the correct bands are select using the radio controls.

In same-band mode:

- TX VFO Main,
- RX VFO Main,
- SAT off.

A few notes:

1. The TX mode is not updated from the radio.
2. The software has to switch between Main and Sub so that the Sub VFO is updated, it is not possible to detect the radio's current Main / Sub selection so the radio operates in main mode all the time. If you press Sub on the radio you will see that radio switch back to Main as soon as the Sub frequency is updated.

Single VFO Radios

If you are using a single VFO radio such as the FT-817 then you use the same VFO for TX and RX. Use the TX (F1) button to switch between TX and RX. When you switch to TX the transmit frequency is loaded into the radio before it switches to transmit, when you return to receive the receive frequency is loaded into the radio after it switches to receive.

So the rule is: always use the TX (F1) button to switch between transmit and receive.

Linear Transponders

Check [X] the Linear Transponder Tracking option if you are using a linear transponder such as HAMSAT / VUSAT / VO-52. These satellites receive a specific range of frequencies (typically 40 - 100 kHz) in one band, convert them to another band and amplify the converted signal for transmission back to your planet. The converted signal is inverted - LSB becomes USB etc. - this is known as an inverting transponder.

Do not use the satellite tracking built into your radio - let HRD do the work for you (for example on the FT-847 this is the Tracking option). To set up the linear transponder frequencies:

- TX center The center frequency of the uplink (TX) band. For example on VO-52 the uplink band is 435.220-435.280 MHz (LSB/CW) so the center frequency is 435.250.000 MHz.
- RX center The center frequency of the downlink (RX) band. For example on VO-52 the downlink band is 145.870-145.930 MHz (USB/CW) so the center frequency is 145.900.000 MHz.

As you tune your RX frequency the TX frequency will be correctly adjusted by applying [1] offsets from the center frequencies and then [2] Doppler correction.

To adjust your transmit signal so that it matches the receive frequency use the spin button to the right of the TX center field. It will be necessary to adjust the transmit signal as your radio(s) may not be correctly aligned, also the linear transponder in the satellite may also not be correctly aligned.

The tracking option in a radio cannot correctly compensate for Doppler, this is one reason why many QSO's drift gently across the linear transponder's available bandwidth. Only correct computer control will ensure that two or more stations stay on the same frequency while the satellite passes overhead. When using the linear transponder option HRD will correctly control your radio's frequencies so that are they are both compensated for Doppler shift.

Frequency Resolution

The frequency resolution is set the 1 Hz for:

- All ICOM,
- All Elecraft,
- All FlexRadio,
- All Kenwood .

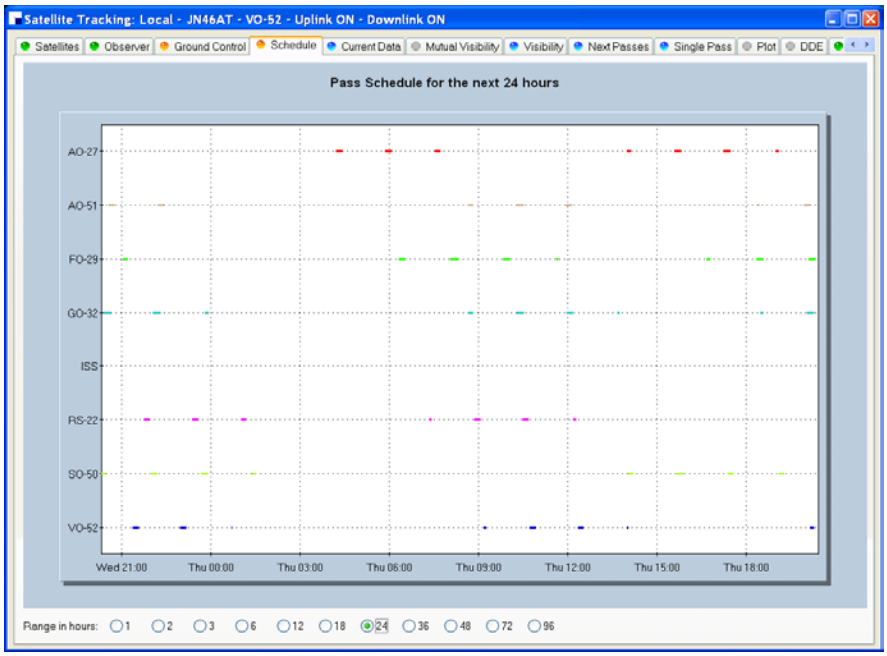
All other radios are set to 10 Hz. If you have a radio that supports 1 Hz resolution and is not in the above list please contact the author.

Options

Option	Description
VFO	The VFO used for the uplink (TX) and downlink (RX). If checked [X] the selected VFO is updated regularly as the satellite frequency is corrected for Doppler shift.
Satellite	The satellite frequency. Click the Open button to select a new frequency from a popup window containing the Favourites definitions or enter the new frequency.
Transverter	If you are using a transverter enter your transverter's intermediate

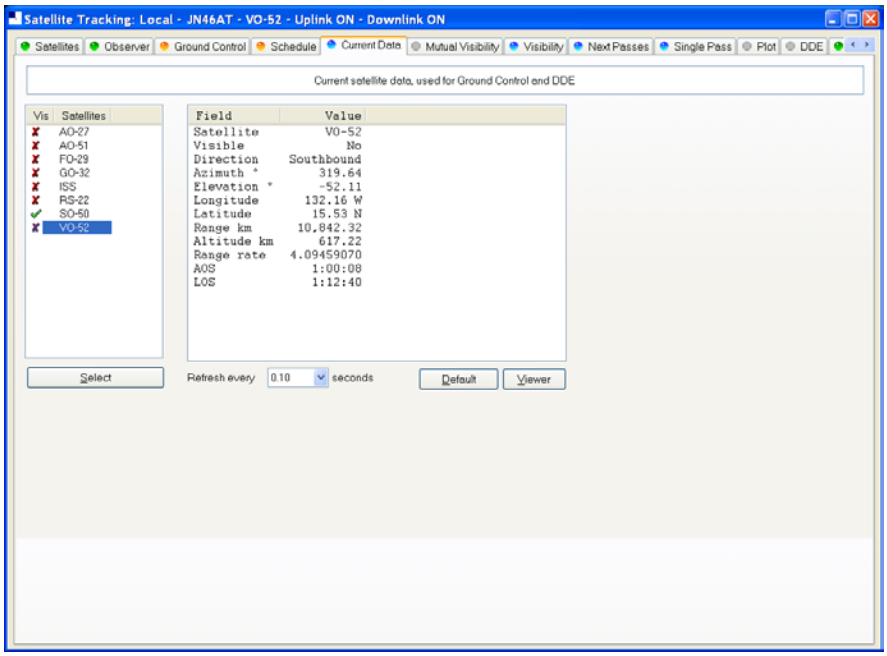
	frequency here and check the [X] box. If you are not using a transverter either leave this field empty or do not check the [X] box. The radio frequency is calculated as: Satellite - Transverter + Doppler shift.
Radio	The radio frequency as computed by HRD taking Doppler shift into account.
Satellite	Select the current satellite from a dropdown list that contains the entries selected earlier in the Satellites window.
Plot for	Determines the amount of information that is plotted over the surface of the planet for the current satellite.
TX > RX	Copy the Uplink satellite frequency to the Downlink satellite frequency.
RX > TX	Copy the Downlink satellite frequency to the Uplink satellite frequency.
TX <> RX	Exchange the Uplink and Downlink satellite frequencies.

Schedule



This window shows the pass schedule for the satellites selected in the Satellites window.

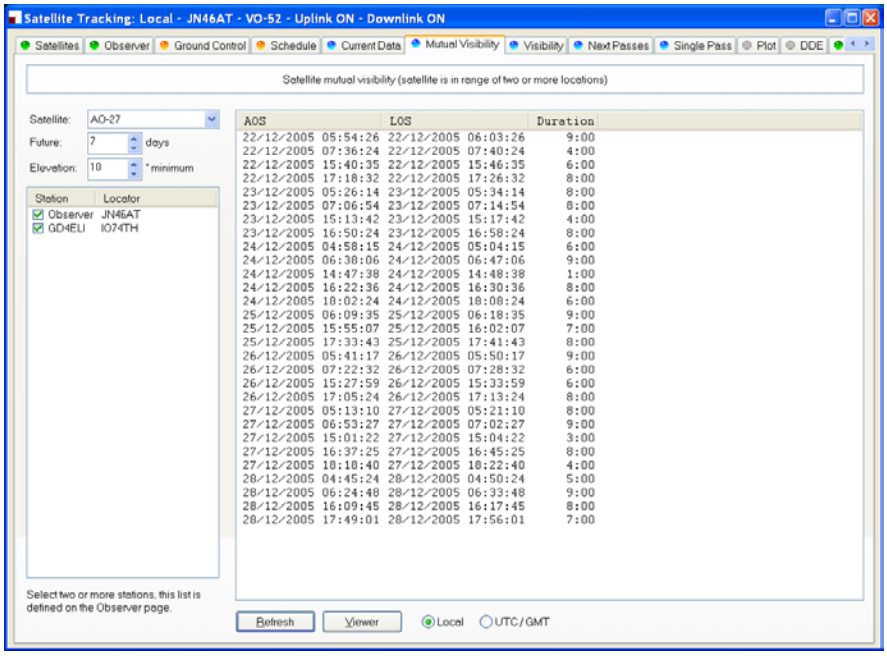
Current Data



This window shows all computed information for a selected satellite. This window provides the data for the *Ground Control* and *DDE* windows.

Press *Viewer* to display the data with the default text file viewer, usually Notepad.

Mutual Visibility



The mutual visibility window answers the question 'when is a satellite simultaneously visible from two or more locations'.

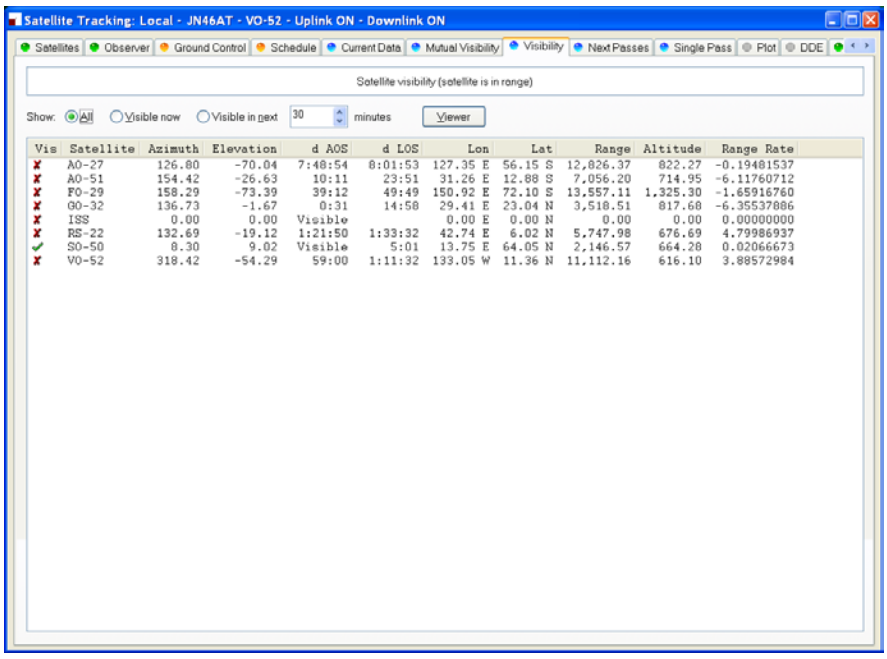
The information is determined up to 99 days in the future for any stations from the list defined in the *Observer* page.

The satellite is considered to be visible if the elevation is the same as or greater than the selected value.

Use the *Viewer* option to display the data in Notepad, for example:

```
Satellite ......: AO-27
Future .........: 7 days
Min elevation ..: 10 °
Time format ....: Local

+--------------------+
| Station  | Locator |
+--------------------+
| Observer | JN46AT  |
| GD4ELI   | IO74TH  |
+--------------------+

+-----------------------------------------------------+
| AOS                 | LOS                 | Duration |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
| 22/12/2005 05:54:26 | 22/12/2005 06:03:26 |     9:00 |
| 22/12/2005 07:36:24 | 22/12/2005 07:40:24 |     4:00 |
| 22/12/2005 15:40:35 | 22/12/2005 15:46:35 |     6:00 |
| 22/12/2005 17:18:32 | 22/12/2005 17:26:32 |     8:00 |
| 23/12/2005 05:26:14 | 23/12/2005 05:34:14 |     8:00 |
| 23/12/2005 07:06:54 | 23/12/2005 07:14:54 |     8:00 |
| 23/12/2005 15:13:42 | 23/12/2005 15:17:42 |     4:00 |
| 23/12/2005 16:50:24 | 23/12/2005 16:58:24 |     8:00 |
| 24/12/2005 04:58:15 | 24/12/2005 05:04:15 |     6:00 |
| 24/12/2005 06:38:06 | 24/12/2005 06:47:06 |     9:00 |
| 24/12/2005 14:47:38 | 24/12/2005 14:48:38 |     1:00 |
| 24/12/2005 16:22:36 | 24/12/2005 16:30:36 |     8:00 |
| 24/12/2005 18:02:24 | 24/12/2005 18:08:24 |     6:00 |
| 25/12/2005 06:09:35 | 25/12/2005 06:18:35 |     9:00 |
| 25/12/2005 15:55:07 | 25/12/2005 16:02:07 |     7:00 |
| 25/12/2005 17:33:43 | 25/12/2005 17:41:43 |     8:00 |
| 26/12/2005 05:41:17 | 26/12/2005 05:50:17 |     9:00 |
| 26/12/2005 07:22:32 | 26/12/2005 07:28:32 |     6:00 |
| 26/12/2005 15:27:59 | 26/12/2005 15:33:59 |     6:00 |
| 26/12/2005 17:05:24 | 26/12/2005 17:13:24 |     8:00 |
| 27/12/2005 05:13:10 | 27/12/2005 05:21:10 |     8:00 |
| 27/12/2005 06:53:27 | 27/12/2005 07:02:27 |     9:00 |
| 27/12/2005 15:01:22 | 27/12/2005 15:04:22 |     3:00 |
| 27/12/2005 16:37:25 | 27/12/2005 16:45:25 |     8:00 |
| 27/12/2005 18:18:40 | 27/12/2005 18:22:40 |     4:00 |
| 28/12/2005 04:45:24 | 28/12/2005 04:50:24 |     5:00 |
| 28/12/2005 06:24:48 | 28/12/2005 06:33:48 |     9:00 |
| 28/12/2005 16:09:45 | 28/12/2005 16:17:45 |     8:00 |
| 28/12/2005 17:49:01 | 28/12/2005 17:56:01 |     7:00 |
+-----------------------------------------------------+
```

Visibility



The visibility window gives you an overview of the satellites you have selected in the Satellites window.

Select the satellites that are displayed:

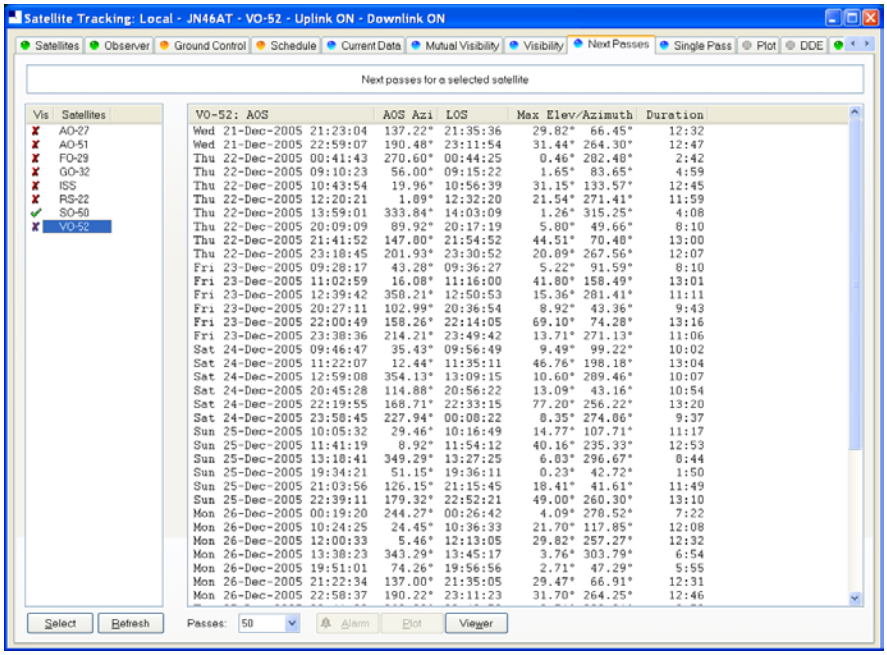
- All - displays all satellites,

- Visible now - displays only the satellites which are currently visible,
- Visible in next… - displays the satellites visible at any time in the time period you select, for example the next 60 minutes.

For each entry in this display the columns are:

Column	Description
Vis	Whether the satellite is currently visible.
Satellite	The name of the satellite.
Azimuth	The azimuth of a satellite is the angle between the vertical plane containing it and the plane of the meridian. It is customary to reckon the azimuth of a line from the south point of the horizon around by the west from 0[deg] to 360[deg].
Elevation	The angular distance above the horizon.
AOS	Acquisition of signal is the elapsed time at which the satellite becomes visible and a signal can theoretically be heard. If empty then the satellite is already visible.
LOS	Loss of signal is the elapsed time after which the satellite is no longer visible and the signal can theoretically no longer be heard.
Lon	The satellite's current longitude.
Lat	The satellite's current latitude.
Range	The distance of the satellite from the observer's location measured in kilometers. (A mile is 1.6 kilometers; a kilometer is 0.62 miles.)
Altitude	The altitude of the satellite above sea level measured in meters.
Range Rate	The value required to calculate Doppler frequency adjustment.

Next Passes



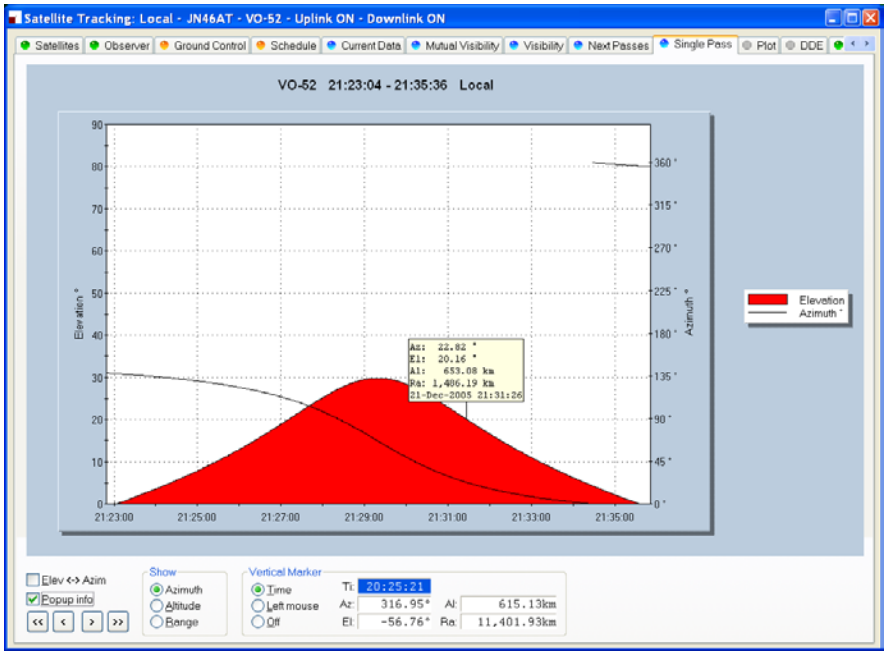
This window shows up to 1,000 passes for a selected satellite. Note: do not select more than 100 passes unless you have a very powerful computer, minimum CPU frequency of 2 GHz is recommended.

Press *Alarm* to add an audio alarm when a satellite is about to pass overhead.

Press *Plot* to plot a selected pass in the Single Pass window.

Press *Viewer* to display the data with the default text file viewer, usually Notepad.

Single Pass

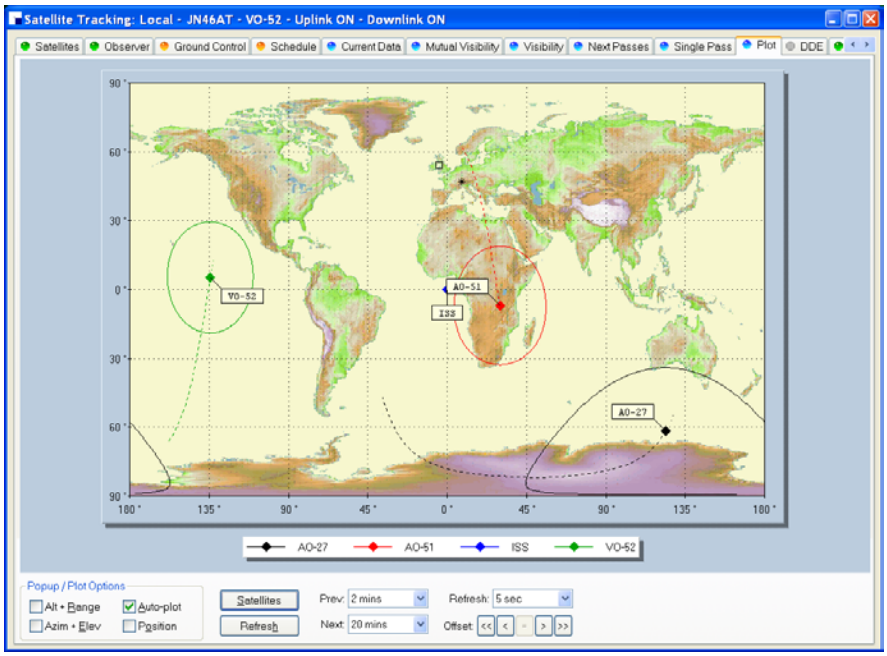


This window plots a single pass for the satellite selected in the Next Passes window. The elevation is plotted on the left y-axis; time is on the x-axis. Select Azimuth, Altitude or Range to be plotted on the right y-axis.

If Popup info is checked a vertical dashed marker line is displayed which either tracks the current time or is positioned by clicking on the chart with the left mouse button.

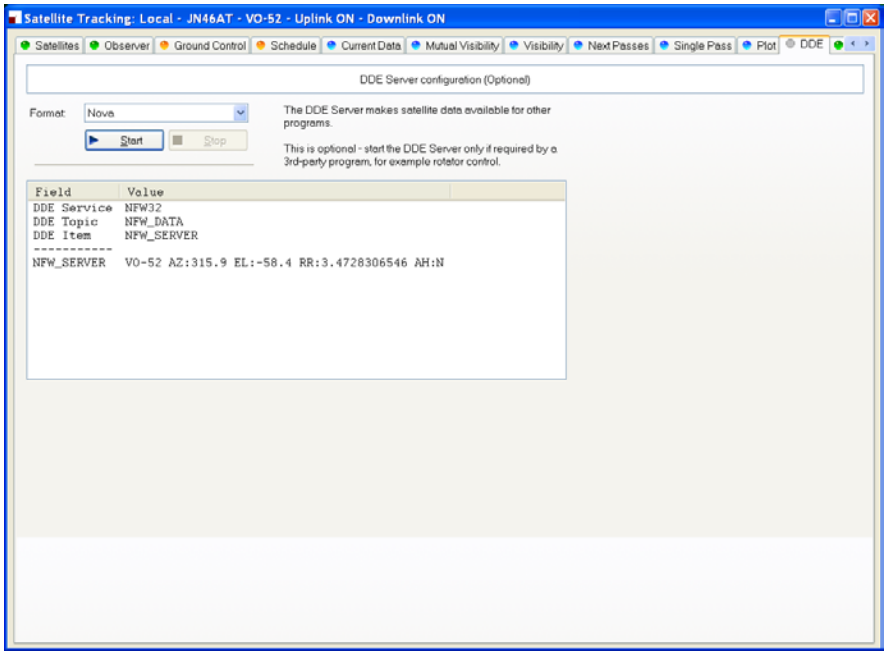
As the marker position changes, the azimuth, elevation, altitude and range are displayed in the marker fields.

Plot



This window shows the position of one to four satellites above the surface of the planet.

DDE



This window controls the DDE server. If you want to use HRD's data with another program you must start HRD's DDE Server. Select the DDE format: currently only Nova is supported. Press *Start* to start the DDE server.

Synchroniser

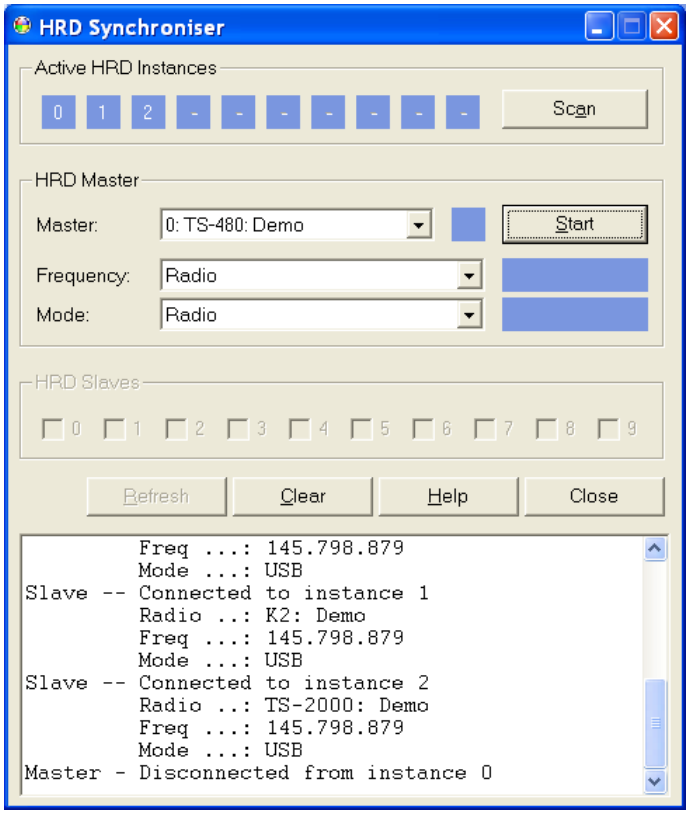
Introduction

The synchronizer is used to control two or more radios where a common frequency is shared by using the Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) mechanism.

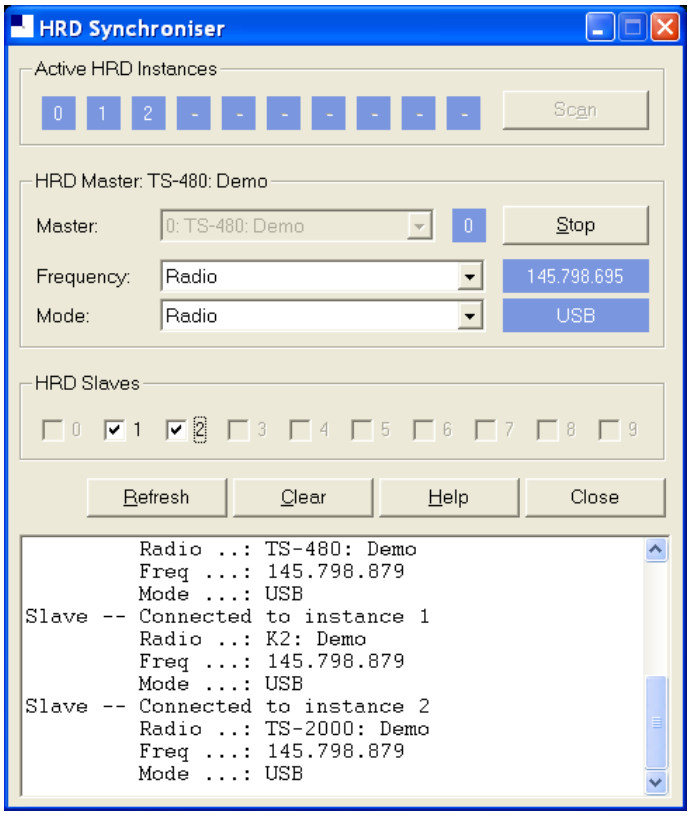
For each radio you are using you start an instance of HRD, one instance is the *Master*, the rest are the *Slaves*, the slaves receive frequency and mode information from the master.

Starting

Start the Synchroniser from the Tools> Programs menu, then press Scan to find the active HRD instances.



Select the master instance (supplied the frequency and mode), and then press *Start*.



In the Frequency and Mode dropdowns you select the corresponding source from the HRD master instance:

- Radio – as seen on the main HRD display,
- Transverter – frequency is taken from the Transverter window (selected from the Tools menu).
- Satellite uplink – the uplink frequency and mode (see Ground Control on page 63).
- Satellite downlink – the downlink frequency and mode (see Ground Control on page 63).

In the HRD Slaves group box check the instances to be controlled by the Synchroniser.

As soon as you check a slave the slave's frequency and mode are updated with the current values from the master; every time the master frequency and / or mode change they are sent to the slave for so long as the slave option remains checked.

Dual Radio Satellite Tracking

For more information about satellite see Satellite Tracking on page 15, specifically Ground Control on page 63.

If you are using two radios for satellite tracking (for example two FT-817 or IC-7000):

1. Start an instance of HRD for each radio; connect to the radios.
2. Select an instance to use as the master, in this example the radio used for receive.
3. In the master (receive) instance:

- Start the display.
- Enter transmit *and* receive frequency information for the satellite you are tracking.
- Check the RX VFO, *do not check a TX VFO as this instance will not be used for transmit.*

4. Start the Synchroniser:
   - Master is the receive instance,
   - Slave is the transmit instance,
   - Select the *Satellite uplink* option for Frequency and Mode so that the slave receives the frequency and mode used for transmit as computer by the Master instance.

The slave will now be updated with the transmit frequency and mode for transmit every time it changes in the master instance.

Annex: Command Tester

Introduction

Too Many Radios

In a project like Ham Radio Deluxe it is not always possible for the developers to have every radio available for their own use: it's very expensive and takes up too much room.

This is where the user community helps - by using the Command Tester individual commands are tested by the users of Ham Radio Deluxe and the results sent to the developers as a text file in a standard format.

Very often the problem is either determining the data returned for the various mode / filter / frequency combinations supported by a rig or working out how to set a rig option.

The handbooks supplied by manufacturers can be wrong or just not contain enough information to successfully implement a command.

Data Formats

There are major differences in the formats selected by the manufacturers whose radios are supported by Ham Radio Deluxe.

The Command Tester supports all necessary formats for the radio manufacturers supported by Ham Radio Deluxe.

Command Types

There are two types of command – Get and Set.

A *Get* command returns an item of information, for example the VFO frequency or mode. A *Set* command changes a rig setting, typically the frequency or mode.

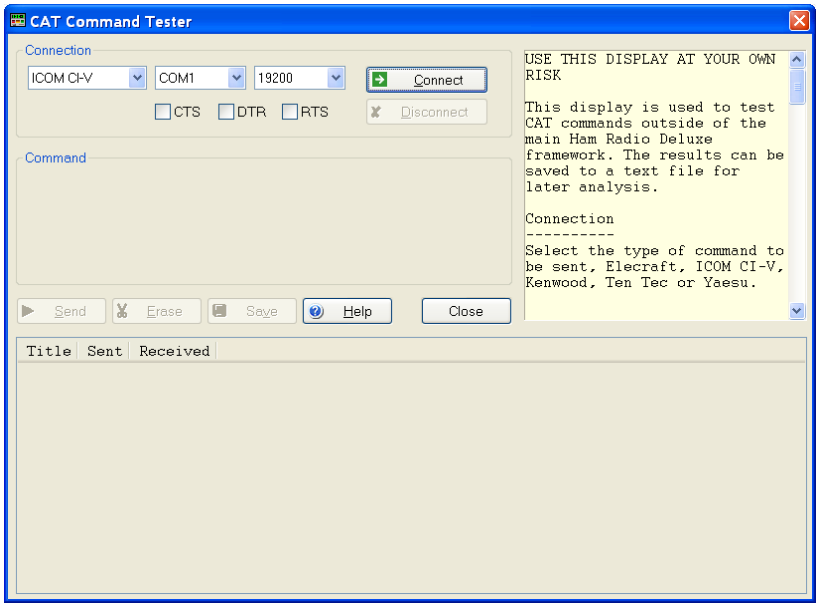
Command Tester supports both Get and Set commands.

Starting

To start the Command Tester:

- Make sure you have not connected to a radio with Ham Radio Deluxe if you will be using the same COM port for the Command Tester. If you have a radio connection then you must disconnect using the Disconnect option in the File menu.

- Select *Command Tester* from the *Tools* menu.



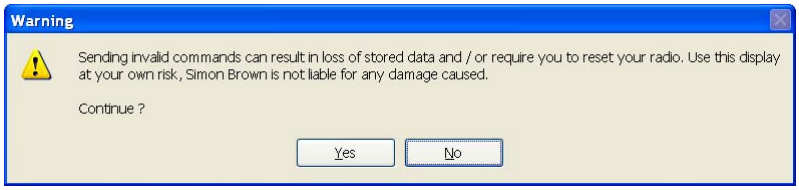
Connect

To connect to your radio you must select:

- COM port where you have connected the interface cable to the radio,
- The baud rate (COM port speed). If you are not sure of the correct speed consult your radio manual.
- CTS used for flow control, specifies whether the CTS (clear-to-send) signal is monitored for output flow control. Used by Kenwood.
- DTR used either for flow control or to provide power for the CAT interface. This depends on the manufacturer's protocol and your CAT interface.
- RTS used either for flow control or to provide power for the CAT interface. This depends on the manufacturer's protocol and your CAT interface.

Then press *Connect*.

When you press Connect a warning message is displayed. Using incorrect commands can confuse some radios, so if you are not sure what you are doing now is the time to leave Command Tester.


Warning
Sending invalid commands can result in loss of stored data and / or require you to reset your radio. Use this display at your own risk, Simon Brown is not liable for any damage caused.
Continue ?
Yes
No

Press *Yes* to continue.

General Options

These options are common to all formats.

- Send - sends a command to the radio.
- Erase - clears the contents of the results window.
- Save - saves the contents of the results to a file in ASCII format. You can send the contents of this file by email to help the developers of ham Radio Deluxe.
- Help - pressing help displays the contents of the small help window as a text file using Notepad.
- Close - closes the Command Tester. If there are entries in the results window you are prompted to save them first.

Results

The results are shown in the bottom half of the Command Tester window.

- Title – as entered in the Title: field.
- Send – the command sent to the rig, shown in ASCII and/or Hex as appropriate.
- Received – the received data, shown in ASCII and/or Hex as appropriate.

Platforms

Examples of HRD use with various platforms is shown here.

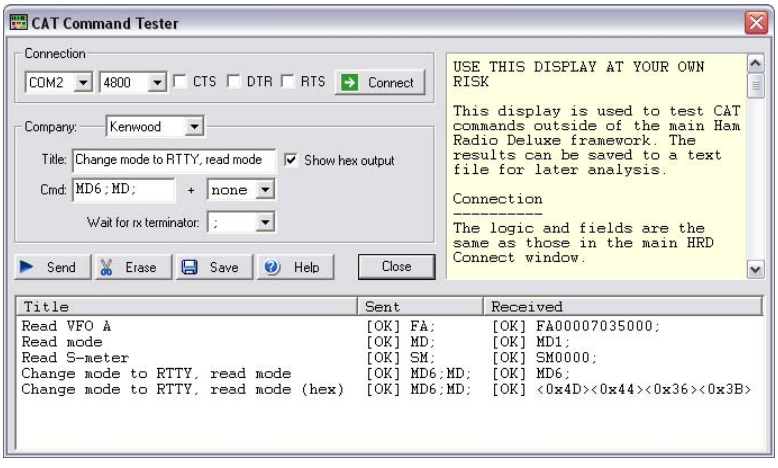
Elecraft

The Elecraft protocol uses ASCII characters; it appears to be based more-or-less on the Kenwood protocol. Refer to the 'Elecraft KIO2 Programmer's Reference' for full information.

The data sent and received is always shown in ASCII (text) that makes debugging relatively easy.

If you select *Show hex output* the returned data is also shown in hexadecimal (see the *Change mode to RTTY* below).

When a Set command is sent – for example MD6; to set the mode to RTTY there is no response from the rig, so instead MD6;MD; is sent – set the mode to RTTY (MD6;) and then read the mode (MD;) – this way there is always returned data.



In the *Change mode to RTTY* example above the returned string is shown in both ASCII and hexadecimal because the *Show hex output* option was selected for this command.

Fields

- Title - a description of the command you are testing, for example ‘Read Frequency’ or ‘read Mode’. Mandatory
- Cmd - the ASCII string sent to the rig. Elecraft strings are terminated with a ;
- Wait for rx terminator - when reading the response read characters from the rig until this character is returned or a timeout occurs.

Examples

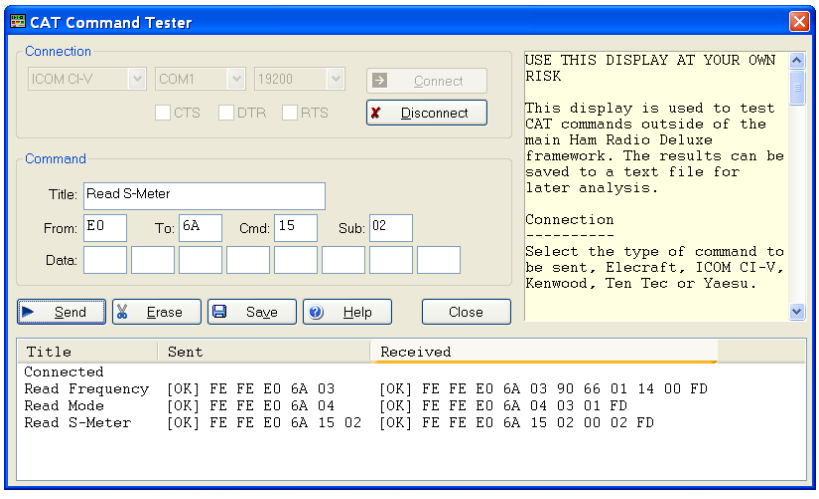
Test	Description
Read Frequency	Command is FA; returned data format is FA + 11 digits + ;. • FA00007035000; Frequency is 7.035.000 MHz.
Read Mode	Command is MD; returned data format is MD + 1 digit + ;. • MD1; (1=LSB, 2=USB, 3=CW, 6=RTTY, 7=CW-REV, 9=RTTY-REV)
Read S-Meter	Command is SM; returned data format is SM + 4 digits + ;. • SM0000; Returned value is in the range 0000 to 0015.

ICOM CI-V

The example below is uses an IC-7800 with:

- From: (controller address) E0 (personal computer, the default value),
- To: (CI-V address) 6A (the default for the IC-703). Refer to your ICOM radio manual for the correct CI-V address for your rig.

The data received from the radio is always shown in hexadecimal.


CAT Command Tester
Connection
ICOM CI-V
COM1
19200
Connect
CTS
DTR
RTS
Disconnect
Command
Title: Read S-Meter
From: E0
To: 6A
Cmd: 15
Sub: 02
Data:
Send
Erase
Save
Help
Close
USE THIS DISPLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK
This display is used to test CAT commands outside of the main Ham Radio Deluxe framework. The results can be saved to a text file for later analysis.
Connection
Select the type of command to be sent, Elecraft, ICOM CI-V, Kenwood, Ten Tec or Yaesu.
Title Sent Received
Connected
Read Frequency [OK] FE FE E0 6A 03 [OK] FE FE E0 6A 03 90 66 01 14 00 FD
Read Mode [OK] FE FE E0 6A 04 [OK] FE FE E0 6A 04 03 01 FD
Read S-Meter [OK] FE FE E0 6A 15 02 [OK] FE FE E0 6A 15 02 00 02 FD

Fields

- Title - a description of the command you are testing, for example ‘Read Frequency’ or ‘read Mode’. Mandatory
- From - controller’s default address. Enter E0 (Personal Computer). Mandatory

- To - transceiver's default address, the IC-703 uses 68. The address used by your radio is found in the user manual. Mandatory
- Cmd - command number (refer to the radio handbook). Mandatory
- Sub - sub command number (refer to the radio handbook). If there is no sub command then this field must be left empty. Optional
- Data - if the command supplies data (for example setting a new frequency or mode) then enter the values in these fields. If there is no data for the command then these fields must be left empty.

Examples

These examples show a CI-V address of 6A, the default for the IC-7800. Change this to the CI-V address assigned to your radio.

Test	Description
Read frequency	Command is 03, no sub command or data; these fields must be left empty. The returned data is: • FE FE (preamble) • E0 (Controller address) • 6A (IC-7800 CI-V address) • 03 (Command number) • 89 38 06 07 00 (frequency in BCD format) • FD (end of message)
Read Mode	Command is 04, no sub command or data; these fields must be left empty. The returned data is: • FE FE (preamble) • E0 (Controller address) • 6A (IC-7800 CI-V address) • 04 (Command number) • 00 01 (mode) • FD (end of message)
Read S-Meter	Command is 15, sub command is 02. There is no data; these fields must be left empty. The returned data is: • FE FE (preamble) • E0 (Controller address) • 6A (IC-7800 CI-V address) • 15 (Command number) • 02 (Sub command number) • 01 09 (s-meter value) • FD (end of message)

Mode / Filter

A common problem is determining the data returned for the possible mode and filter combinations.

To list all combinations follow the following steps for each mode and filter combination:

- Select the Mode and Filter on your rig using the rig buttons and controls.
- Enter a value in the Command Tester Title field which corresponds to the mode and filter selected in 1 above, for example Mode = USB, Filter = Wide.
- Enter a command of 04; clear the sub command and data fields.
- Press Send .

When you have finished press *Save* to save the contents of the Results window to a file which you can forward to the Ham Radio Deluxe development team.

Other

Follow the logic in Mode / Filter above for other commands which you want to investigate:

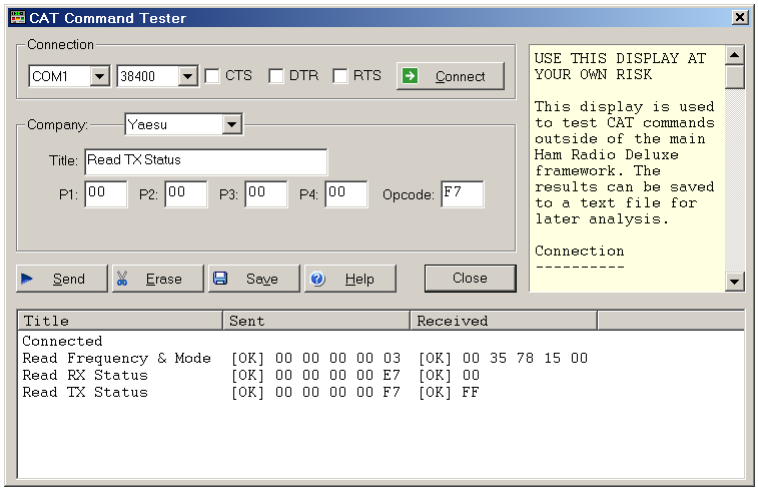
- Select the option on your rig using the rig buttons and controls.
- Enter a value in the Command Tester Title field that corresponds to the option you are investigating.
- Referring to your rig's handbook enter the command, sub command and data value as appropriate to read the rig's current value or set a new value. If there is no sub command or data then these fields must be left empty.
- Press *Send*.

Yaesu

The example below uses the FT-817. The data received from the radio is always shown in hexadecimal. The overall format of Yaesu commands is always P1 – P4 + OpCode, the actual commands and the data returned from the rig depends on the model and also on the EPROM revision level.

Some commands do not require specific values for P1 – P4, it is recommended that is a value is not specified in the radio handbook then you enter 00, this is the approach taken in Ham Radio Deluxe.

Be aware that there are many errors in the Yaesu documentation, so the data returned may not agree with the handbook and the radio's current settings.



Fields

- Title - a description of the command you are testing, for example ‘Read Frequency’ or ‘read Mode’. Mandatory
- P1 – P4 - the command parameters. Not all commands require parameters; it is recommended that parameters that can be set to any value be set to 00. Fields left empty are set to 00.
- Opcode - the instruction OpCode. Mandatory.

Examples

Test	Description
Read frequency and mode	The OpCode is 03, P1-P4 can have any value, in this example they are set to 00. • P1: 00 P2: 00 P3: 00 P4: 00 OpCode: 03 The format of the returned data is 5 bytes, the first four containing the frequency in binary coded decimal followed by the mode. The returned value is 00 35 78 15 00 which corresponds to a frequency (00 35 78 15) of 51.875.300 and a mode (00) of LSB.
Read RX status	The opcode is E7, P1-P4 can have any value, in this example they are set to 00. • P1: 00 P2: 00 P3: 00 P4: 00 OpCode: E7 The format of the returned data is 1 byte. The returned value is 00.
Read TX status	The OpCode is F7, P1-P4 can have any value, in this example they are set to 00. • P1: 00 P2: 00 P3: 00 P4: 00 OpCode: F7 The format of the returned data is 1 byte. The returned value is FF (not in TX mode).

Other Commands

For the commands you want to investigate:

- Select the option on your rig using the rig buttons and controls.
- Enter a value in the Command Tester Title field that corresponds to the option you are investigating.
- Referring to your rig’s handbook enter the P1 – P4 parameters and OpCode as appropriate to read the rig’s current value or set a new value. If there are no values specified for P1 – P4 then enter 00 in these fields.
- Press *Send*.